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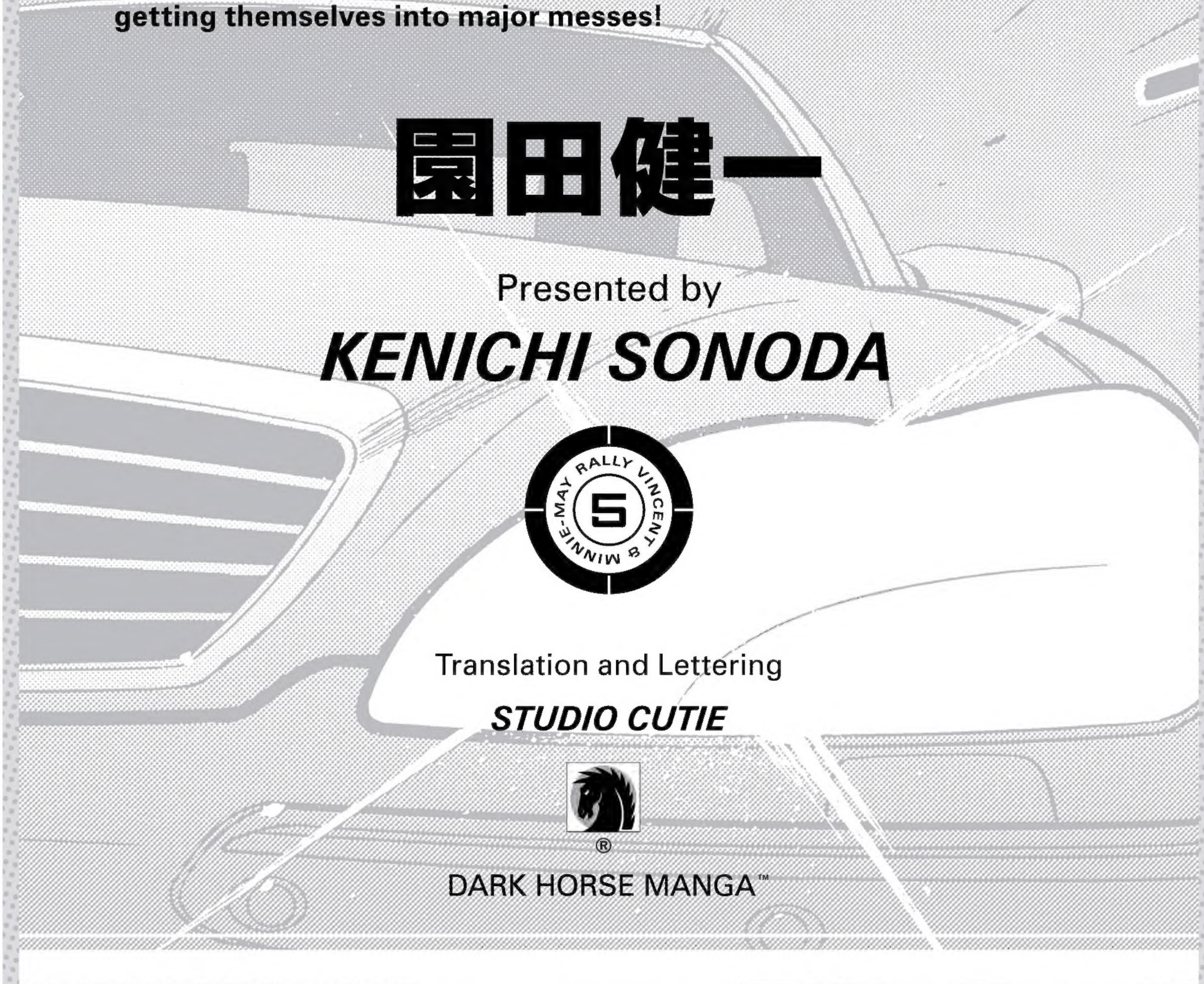

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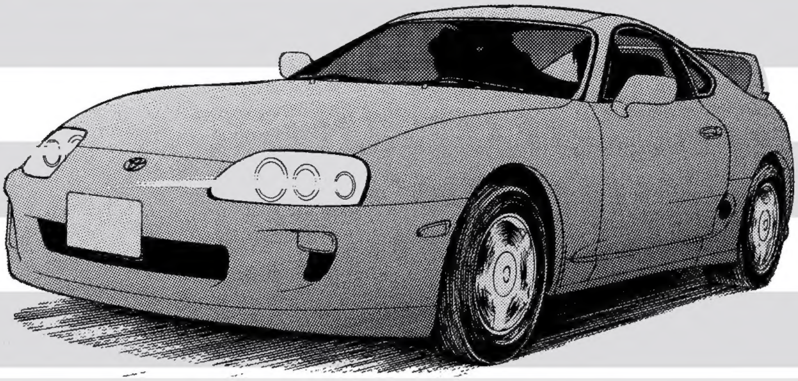

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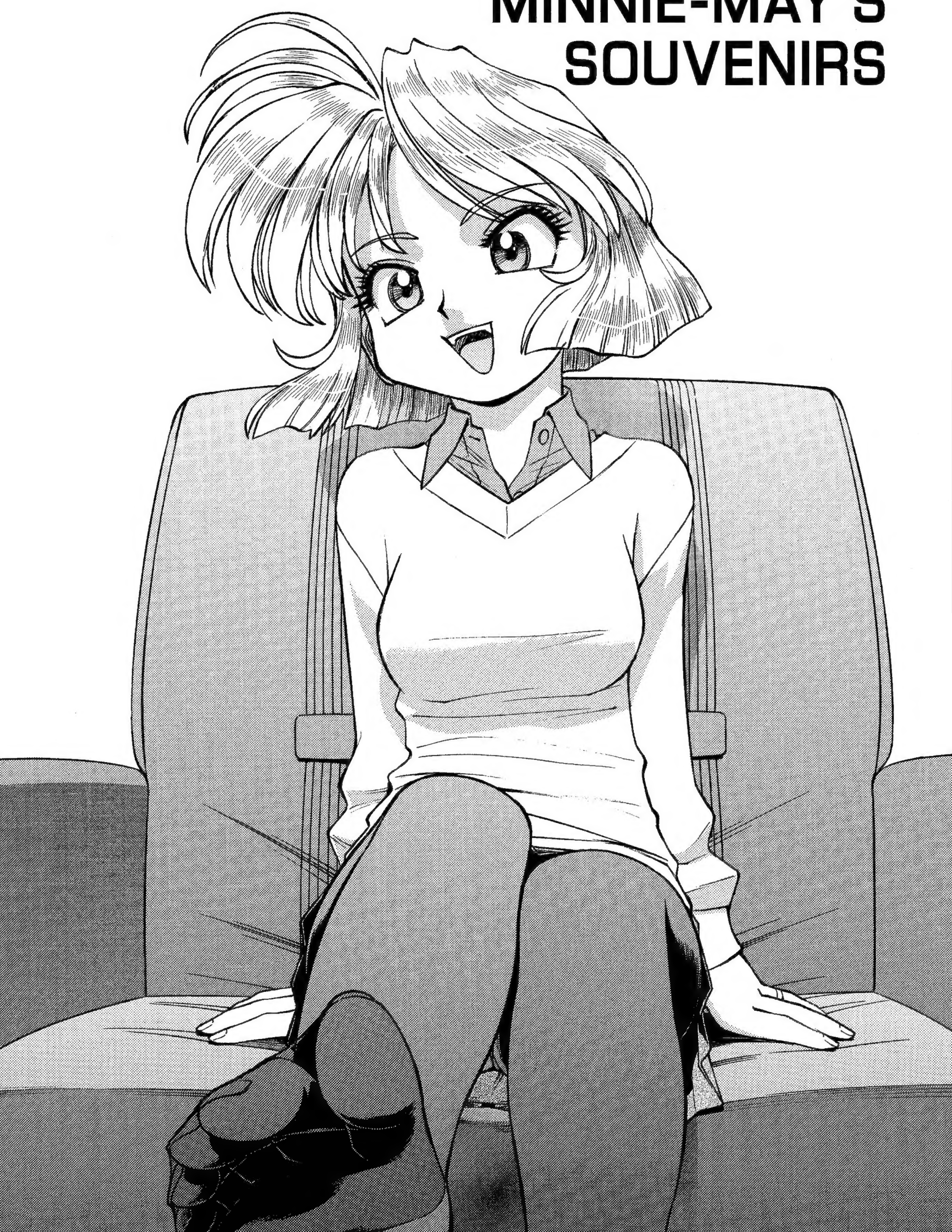
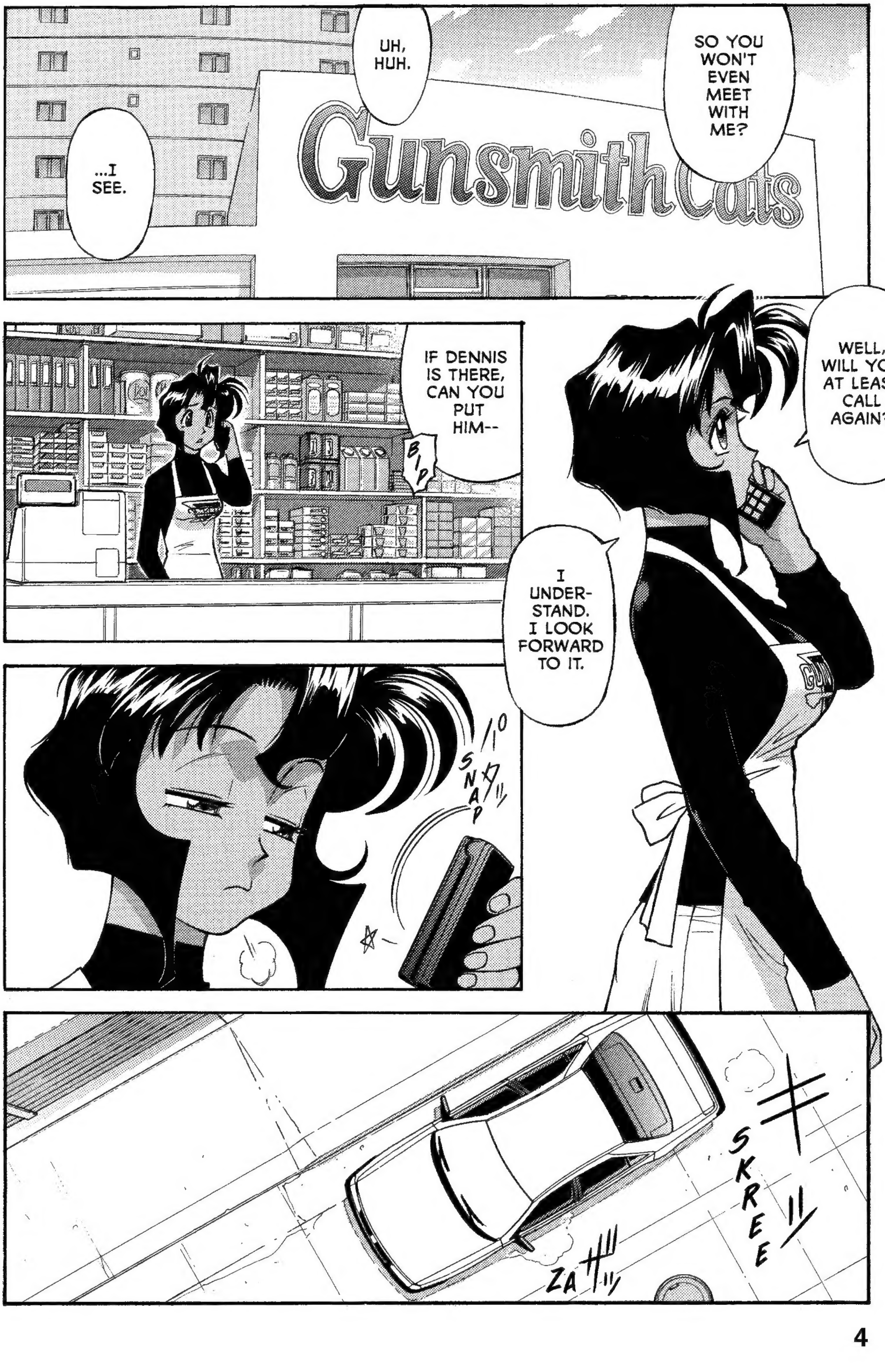
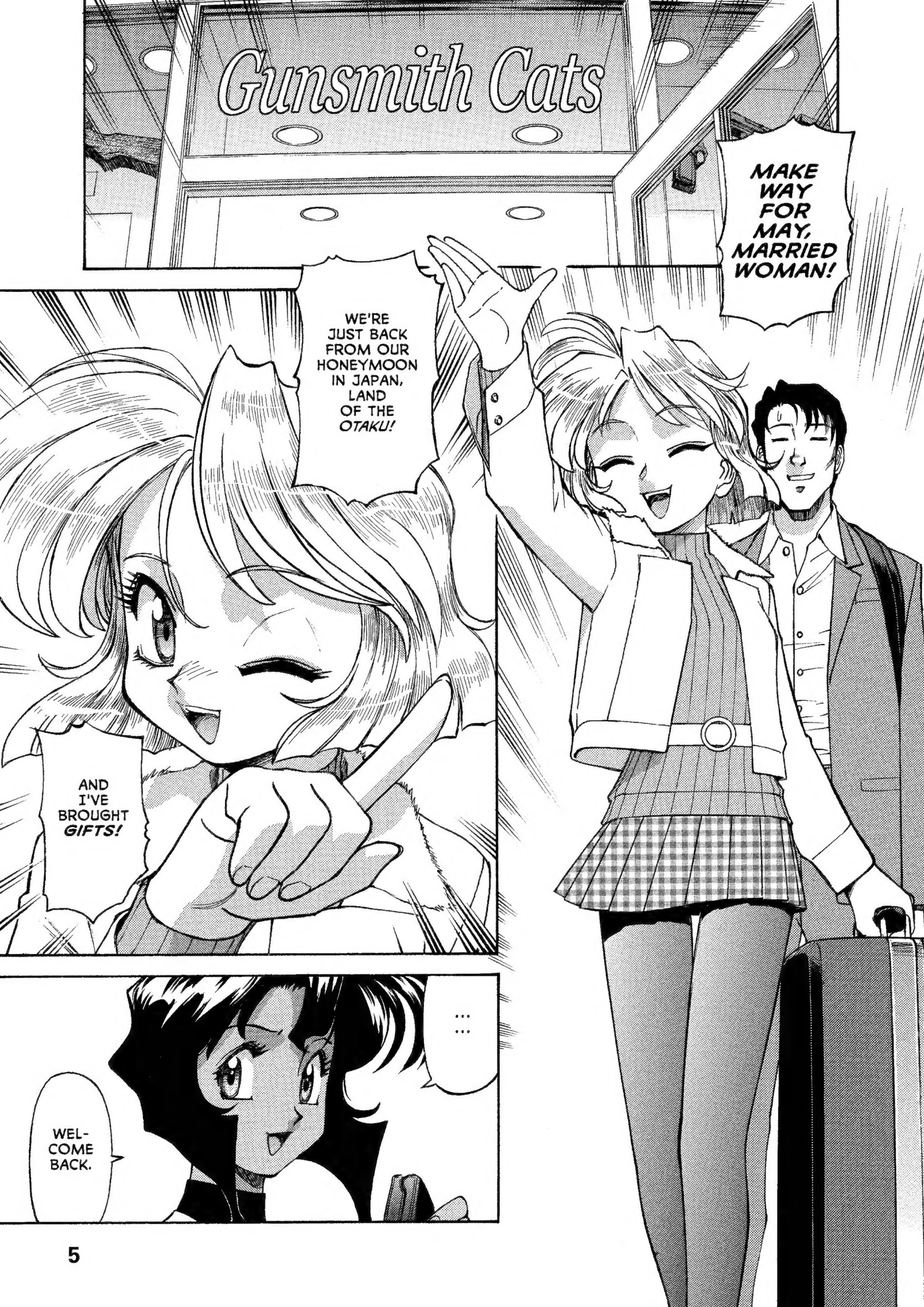
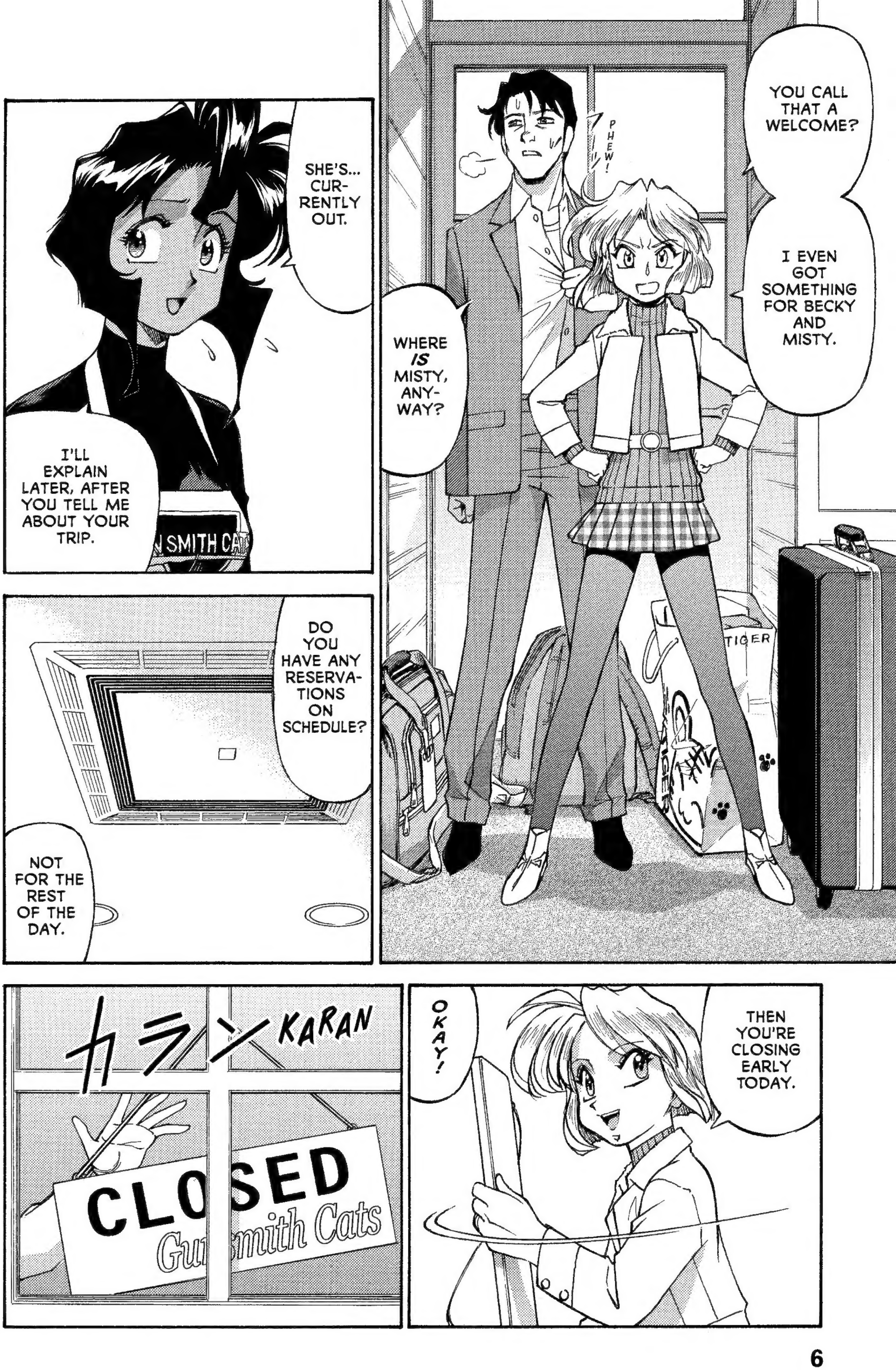
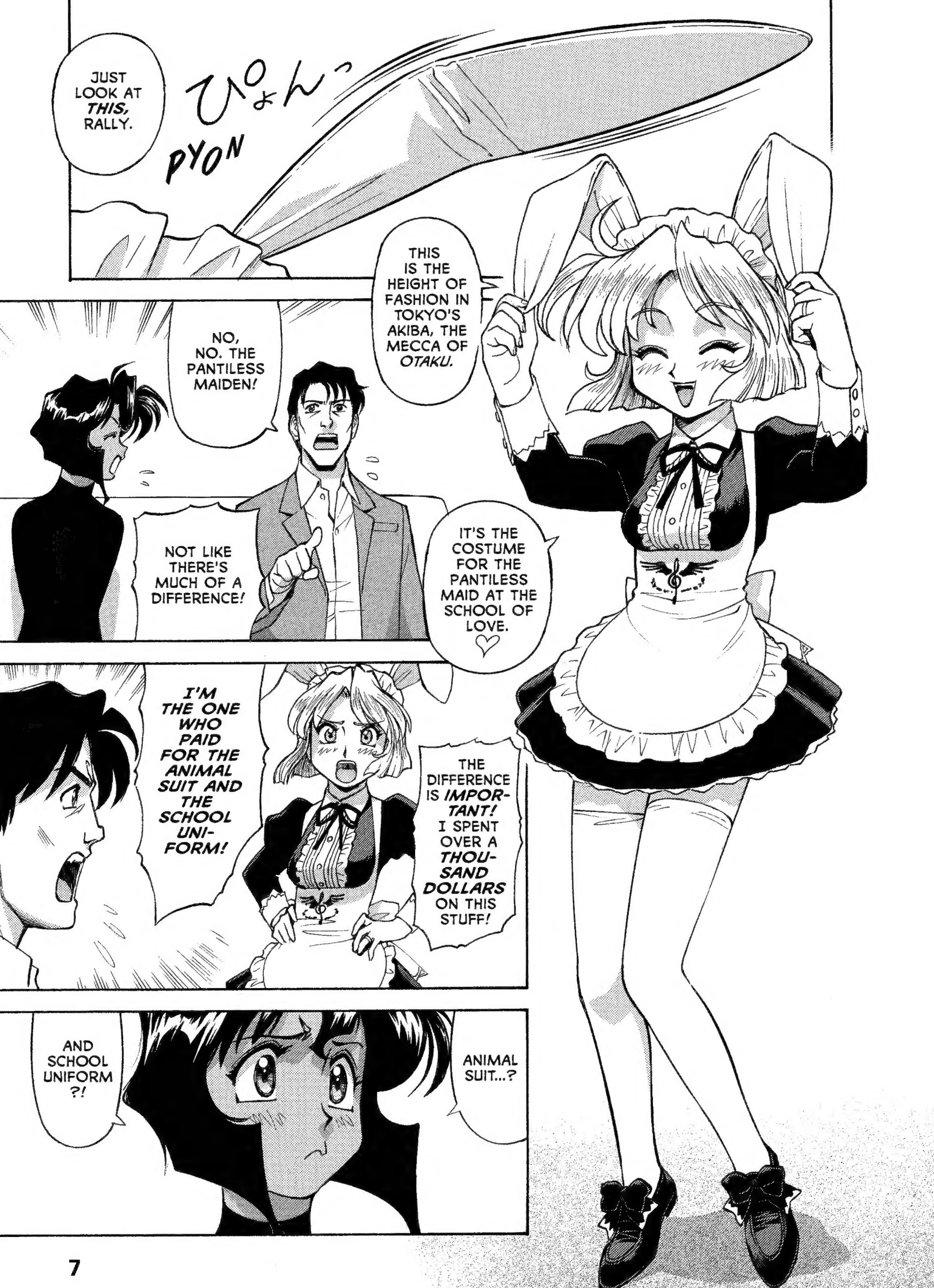
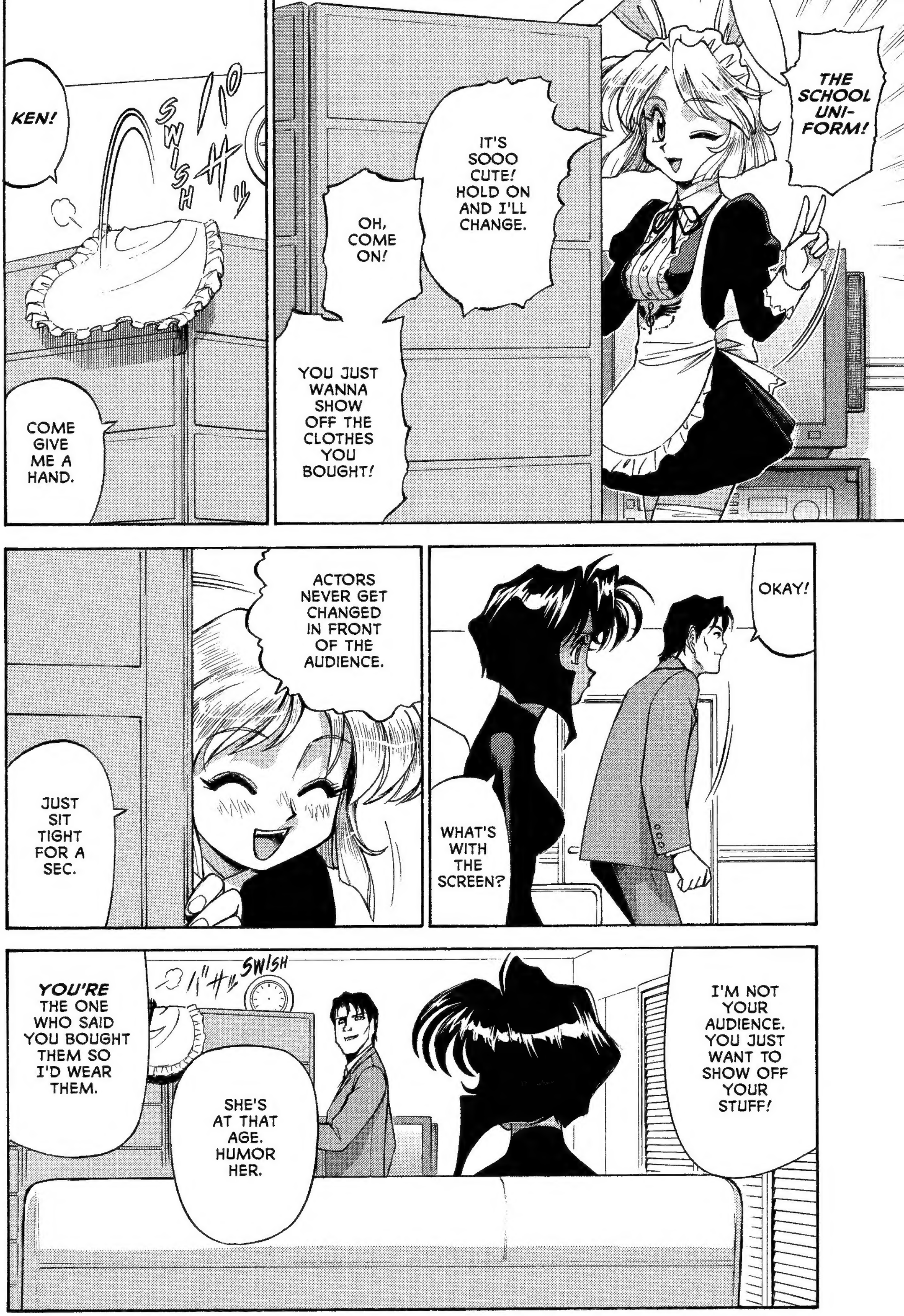


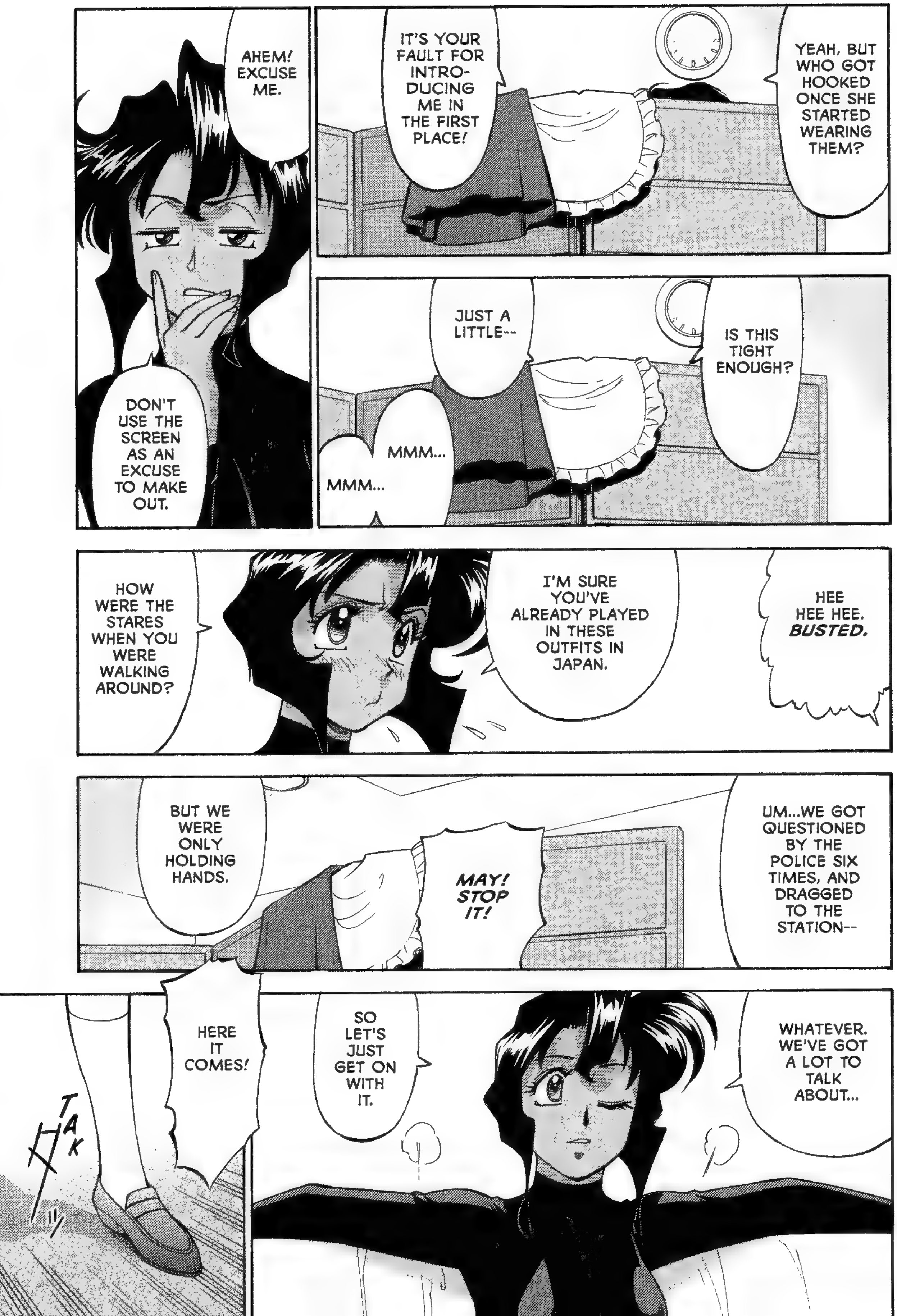

Gunsmith Cats
SO YOU WON'T EVEN MEET WITH ME?
UH, HUH.
...I SEE.
WELL, WILL YOU AT LEAST CALL AGAIN?
I UNDERSTAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
IF DENNIS IS THERE, CAN YOU PUT HIM--
BIP
SNAP
SKREE
ZA

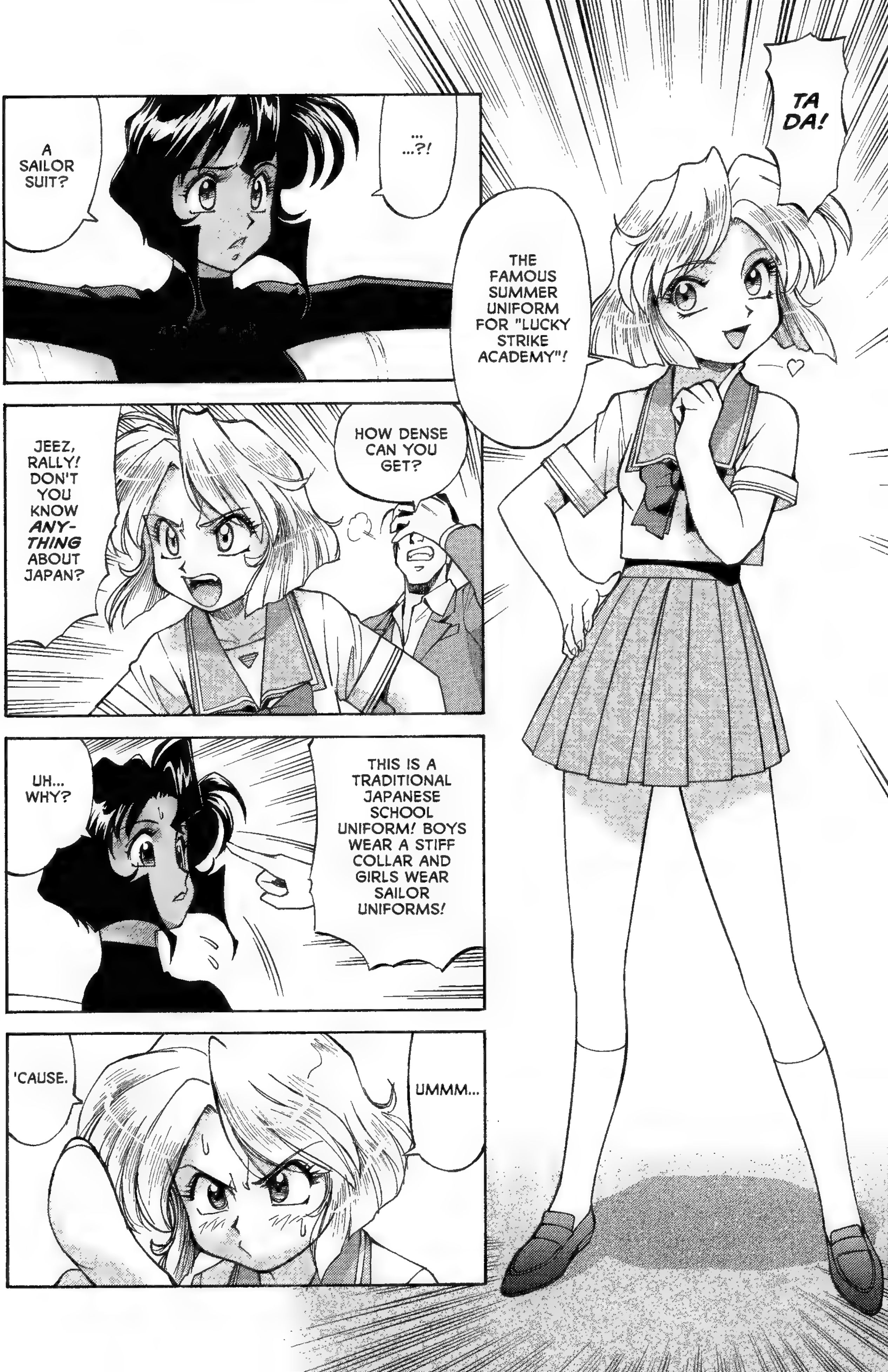

Gunsmith Cats
MAKE WAY FOR MAY, MARRIED WOMAN!
WE'RE JUST BACK FROM OUR HONEYMOON IN JAPAN, LAND OF THE *OTAKU!*
AND I'VE BROUGHT ***GIFTS!***
… …
WEL-COME BACK.

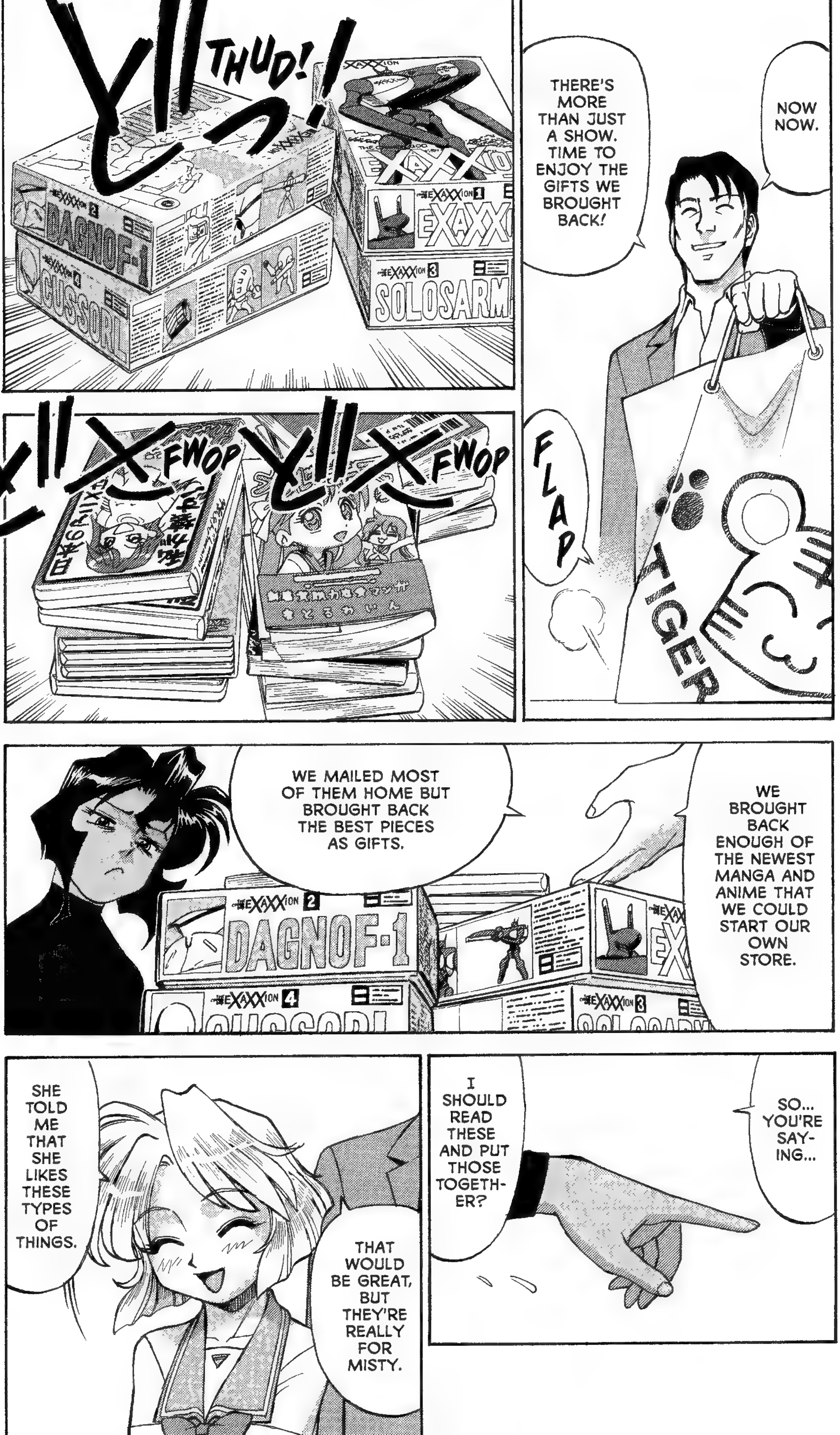

YOU CALL THAT A WELCOME?
I EVEN GOT SOMETHING FOR BECKY AND MISTY.
PHEW!
WHERE *IS* MISTY, ANYWAY?
TIGER
SHE'S... CURRENTLY OUT.
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, AFTER YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP.
N SMITH CA
DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVATIONS ON SCHEDULE?
NOT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
THEN YOU'RE CLOSING EARLY TODAY.
OKAY!
カラン KARAN
CLOSED
Gunsmith Cats

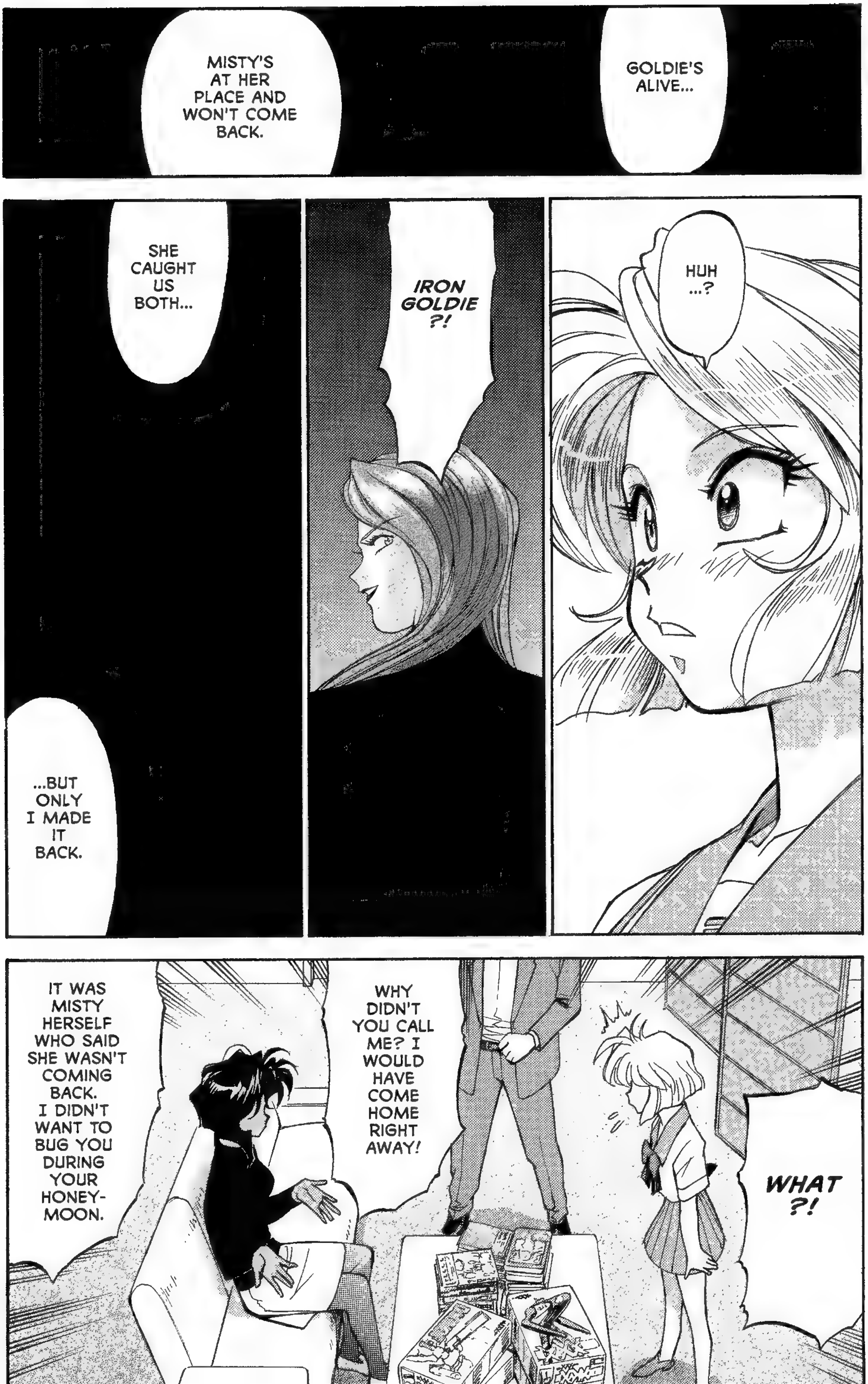

JUST LOOK AT THIS, RALLY.
ぴょんっ
PYON
THIS IS THE HEIGHT OF FASHION IN TOKYO'S AKIBA, THE MECCA OF OTAKU.
NO, NO. THE PANTILESS MAIDEN!
IT'S THE COSTUME FOR THE PANTILESS MAID AT THE SCHOOL OF LOVE. ♡
NOT LIKE THERE'S MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE!
THE DIFFERENCE IS IMPORTANT! I SPENT OVER A THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THIS STUFF!
I'M THE ONE WHO PAID FOR THE ANIMAL SUIT AND THE SCHOOL UNIFORM!
ANIMAL SUIT...?
AND SCHOOL UNIFORM?!

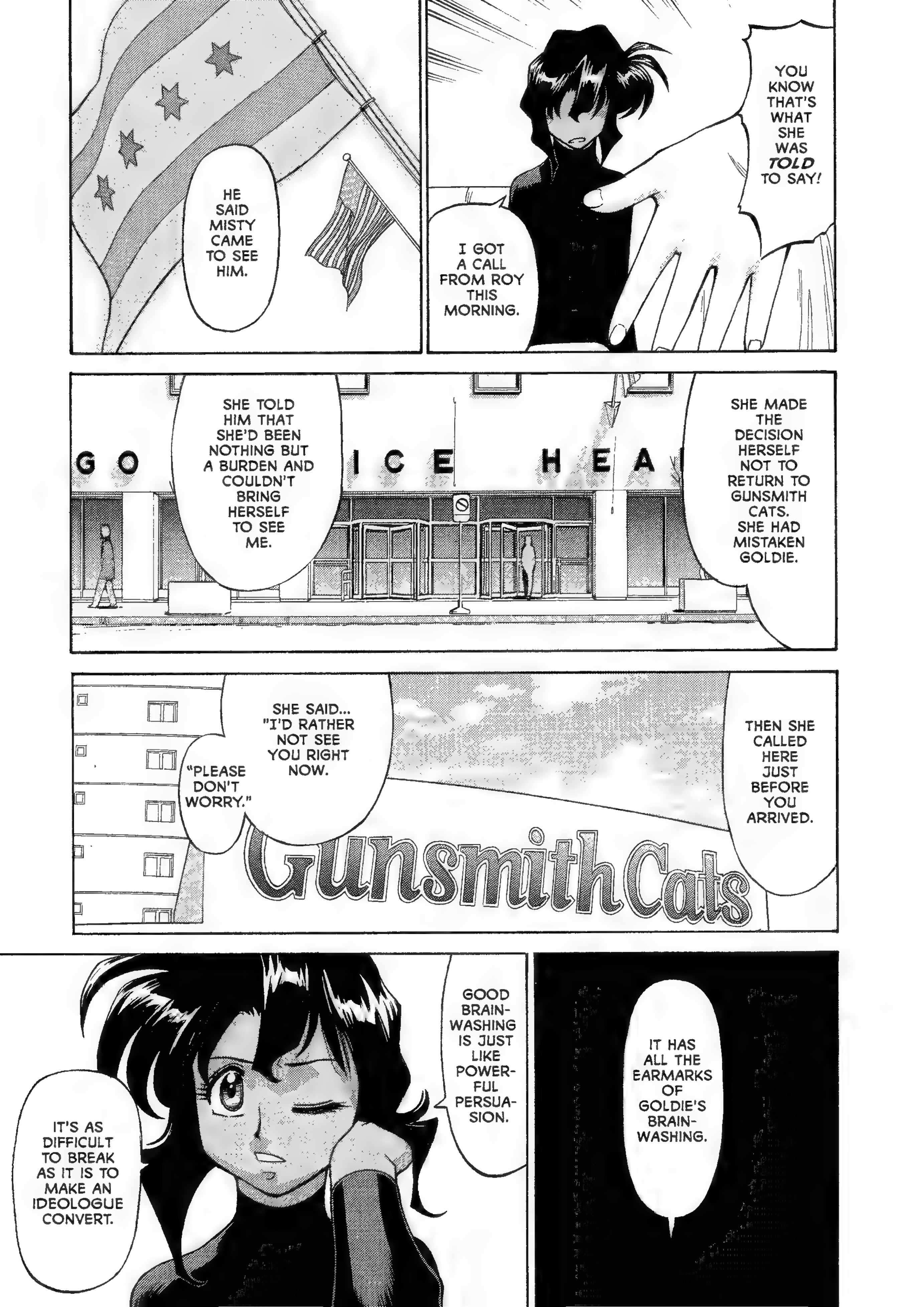

KEN!
SWISH
パサッ
COME GIVE ME A HAND.
OH, COME ON!
YOU JUST WANNA SHOW OFF THE CLOTHES YOU BOUGHT!
IT'S SOOO CUTE! HOLD ON AND I'LL CHANGE.
THE SCHOOL UNI-FORM!
ACTORS NEVER GET CHANGED IN FRONT OF THE AUDIENCE.
JUST SIT TIGHT FOR A SEC.
OKAY!
WHAT'S WITH THE SCREEN?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU BOUGHT THEM SO I'D WEAR THEM.
バサッ SWISH
SHE'S AT THAT AGE. HUMOR HER.
I'M NOT YOUR AUDIENCE. YOU JUST WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR STUFF!

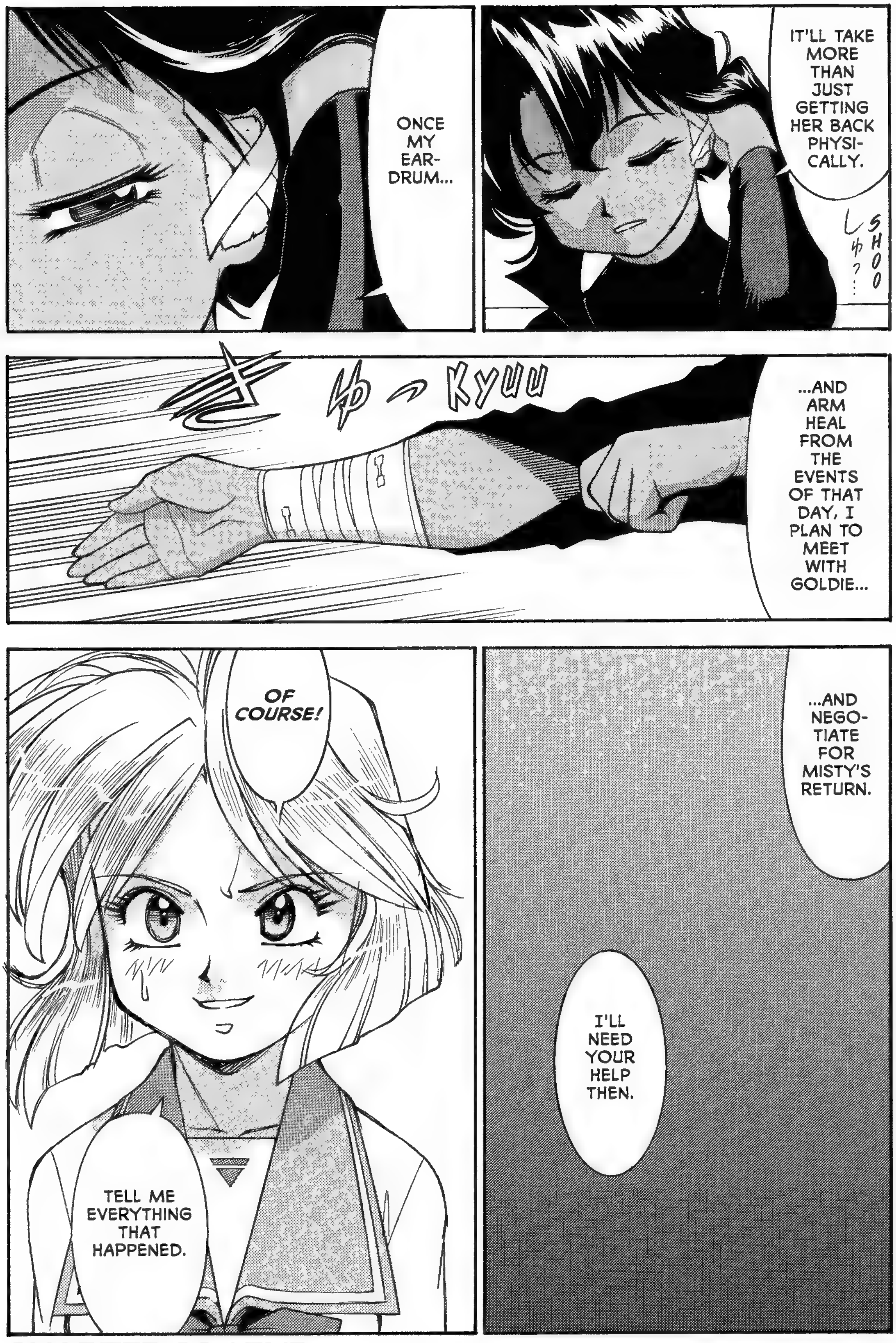

YEAH, BUT WHO GOT HOOKED ONCE SHE STARTED WEARING THEM?
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR INTRODUCING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!
IS THIS TIGHT ENOUGH?
JUST A LITTLE--
MMM...
MMM...
AHEM! EXCUSE ME.
DON'T USE THE SCREEN AS AN EXCUSE TO MAKE OUT.
HEE HEE HEE. *BUSTED.*
I'M SURE YOU'VE ALREADY PLAYED IN THESE OUTFITS IN JAPAN.
HOW WERE THE STARES WHEN YOU WERE WALKING AROUND?
UM...WE GOT QUESTIONED BY THE POLICE SIX TIMES, AND DRAGGED TO THE STATION--
MAY! STOP IT!
BUT WE WERE ONLY HOLDING HANDS.
WHATEVER. WE'VE GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT...
SO LET'S JUST GET ON WITH IT.
HERE IT COMES!
TAK


TA DA!
THE FAMOUS SUMMER UNIFORM FOR "LUCKY STRIKE ACADEMY"!
... ...?!
A SAILOR SUIT?
HOW DENSE CAN YOU GET?
JEEZ, RALLY! DON'T YOU KNOW *ANYTHING* ABOUT JAPAN?
THIS IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SCHOOL UNIFORM! BOYS WEAR A STIFF COLLAR AND GIRLS WEAR SAILOR UNIFORMS!
UH... WHY?
UMMM...
'CAUSE.


NOW NOW.
THERE'S MORE THAN JUST A SHOW. TIME TO ENJOY THE GIFTS WE BROUGHT BACK!
FLAP
THUD!
FWOP
FWOP
WE BROUGHT BACK ENOUGH OF THE NEWEST MANGA AND ANIME THAT WE COULD START OUR OWN STORE.
WE MAILED MOST OF THEM HOME BUT BROUGHT BACK THE BEST PIECES AS GIFTS.
SO... YOU'RE SAYING...
I SHOULD READ THESE AND PUT THOSE TOGETHER?
THAT WOULD BE GREAT, BUT THEY'RE REALLY FOR MISTY.
SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE LIKES THESE TYPES OF THINGS.


MISTY'S AT HER PLACE AND WON'T COME BACK.
GOLDIE'S ALIVE...
SHE CAUGHT US BOTH...
...BUT ONLY I MADE IT BACK.
IRON GOLDIE ?!
HUH ...?
WHAT ?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL ME? I WOULD HAVE COME HOME RIGHT AWAY!
IT WAS MISTY HERSELF WHO SAID SHE WASN'T COMING BACK. I DIDN'T WANT TO BUG YOU DURING YOUR HONEYMOON.


YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS *TOLD* TO SAY!
I GOT A CALL FROM ROY THIS MORNING.
HE SAID MISTY CAME TO SEE HIM.
SHE MADE THE DECISION HERSELF NOT TO RETURN TO GUNSMITH CATS. SHE HAD MISTAKEN GOLDIE.
GO ICE HEA
SHE TOLD HIM THAT SHE'D BEEN NOTHING BUT A BURDEN AND COULDN'T BRING HERSELF TO SEE ME.
THEN SHE CALLED HERE JUST BEFORE YOU ARRIVED.
SHE SAID... "I'D RATHER NOT SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.
"PLEASE DON'T WORRY."
Gunsmith Cats
IT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF GOLDIE'S BRAINWASHING.
GOOD BRAINWASHING IS JUST LIKE POWERFUL PERSUASION.
IT'S AS DIFFICULT TO BREAK AS IT IS TO MAKE AN IDEOLOGUE CONVERT.


IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN JUST GETTING HER BACK PHYSICALLY.
しゅっ…
SHOO
ONCE MY EARDRUM...
ゆっ
KYUU
...AND ARM HEAL FROM THE EVENTS OF THAT DAY, I PLAN TO MEET WITH GOLDIE...
...AND NEGOTIATE FOR MISTY'S RETURN.
I'LL NEED YOUR HELP THEN.
OF COURSE!
TELL ME EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

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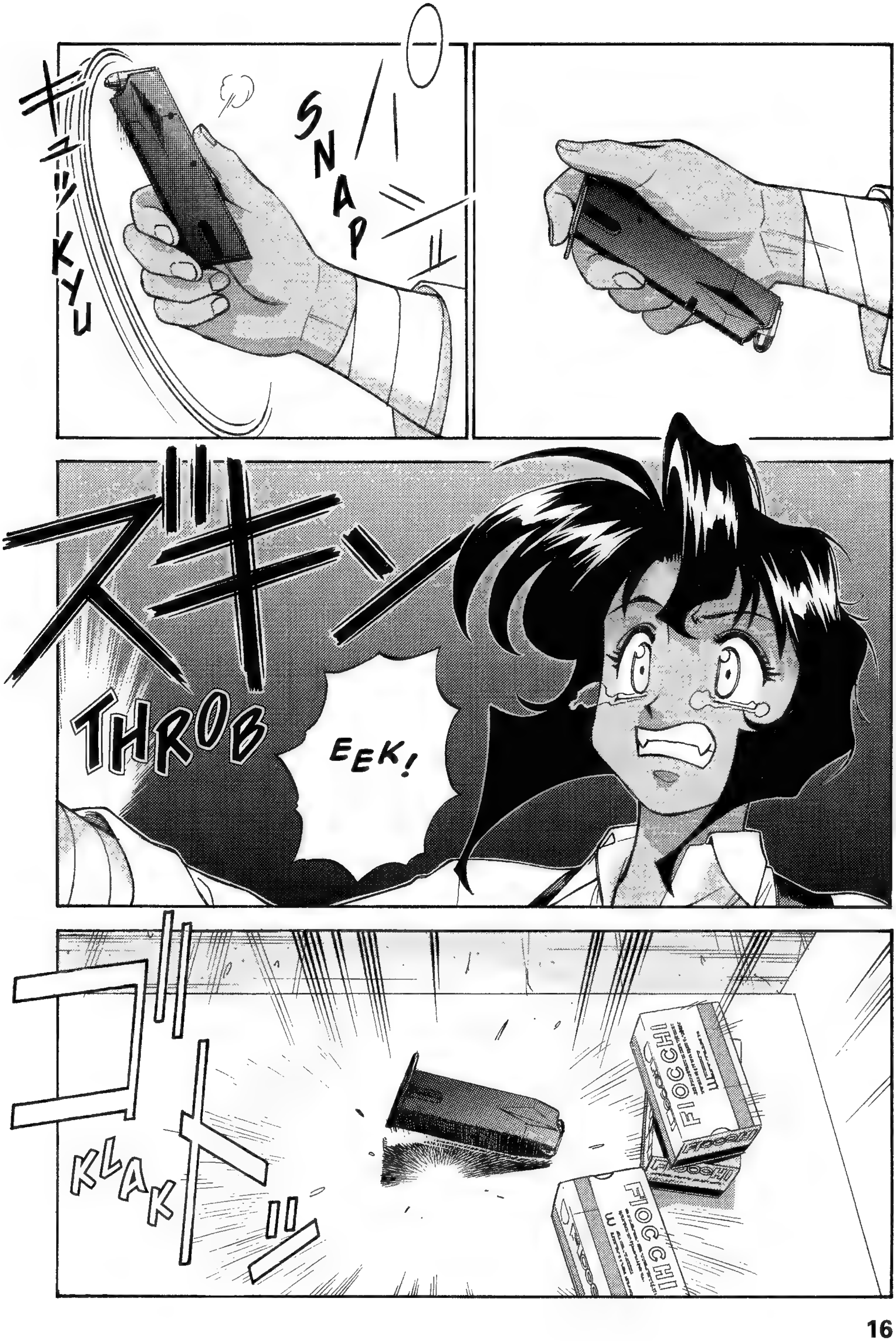
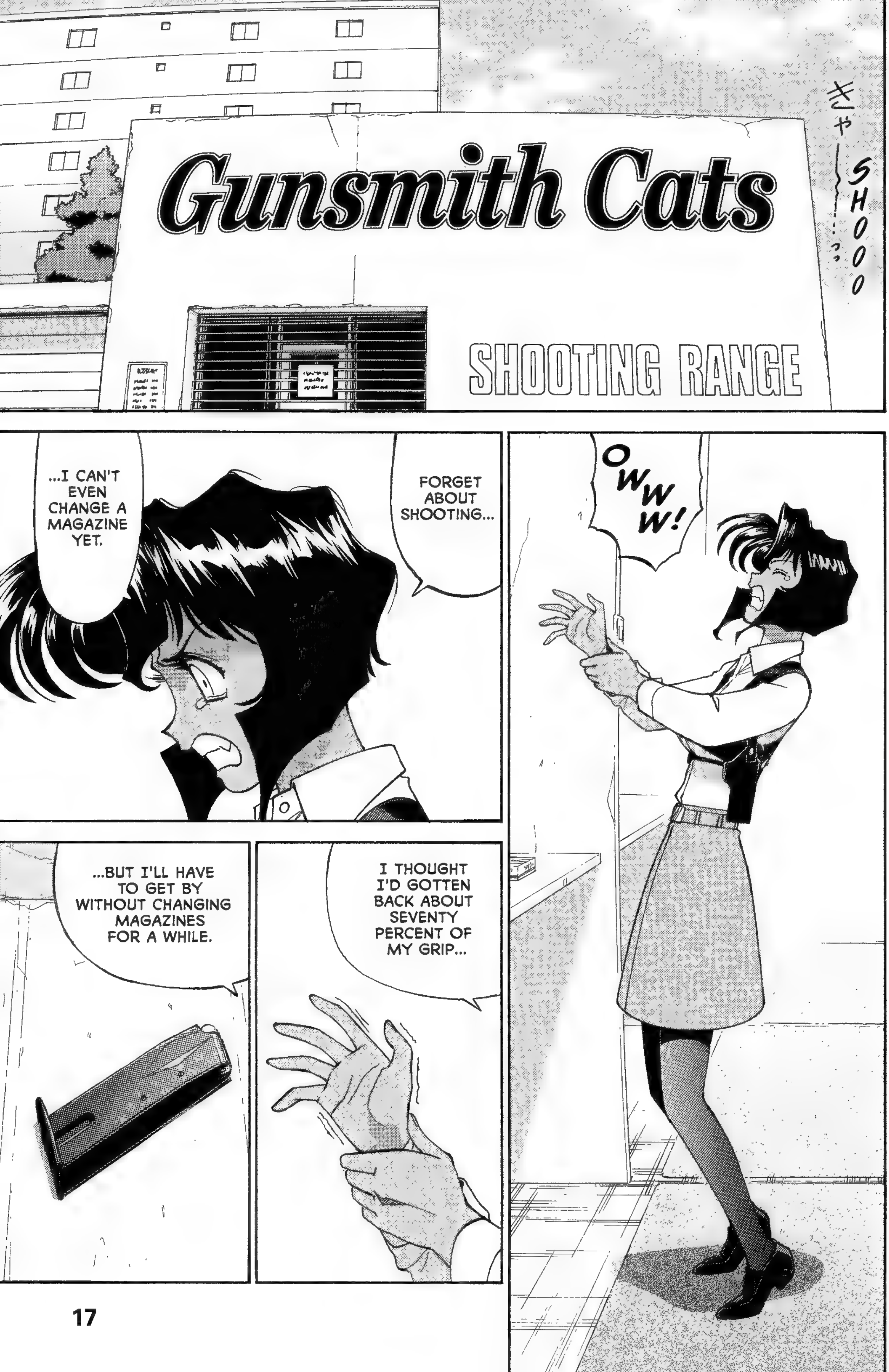
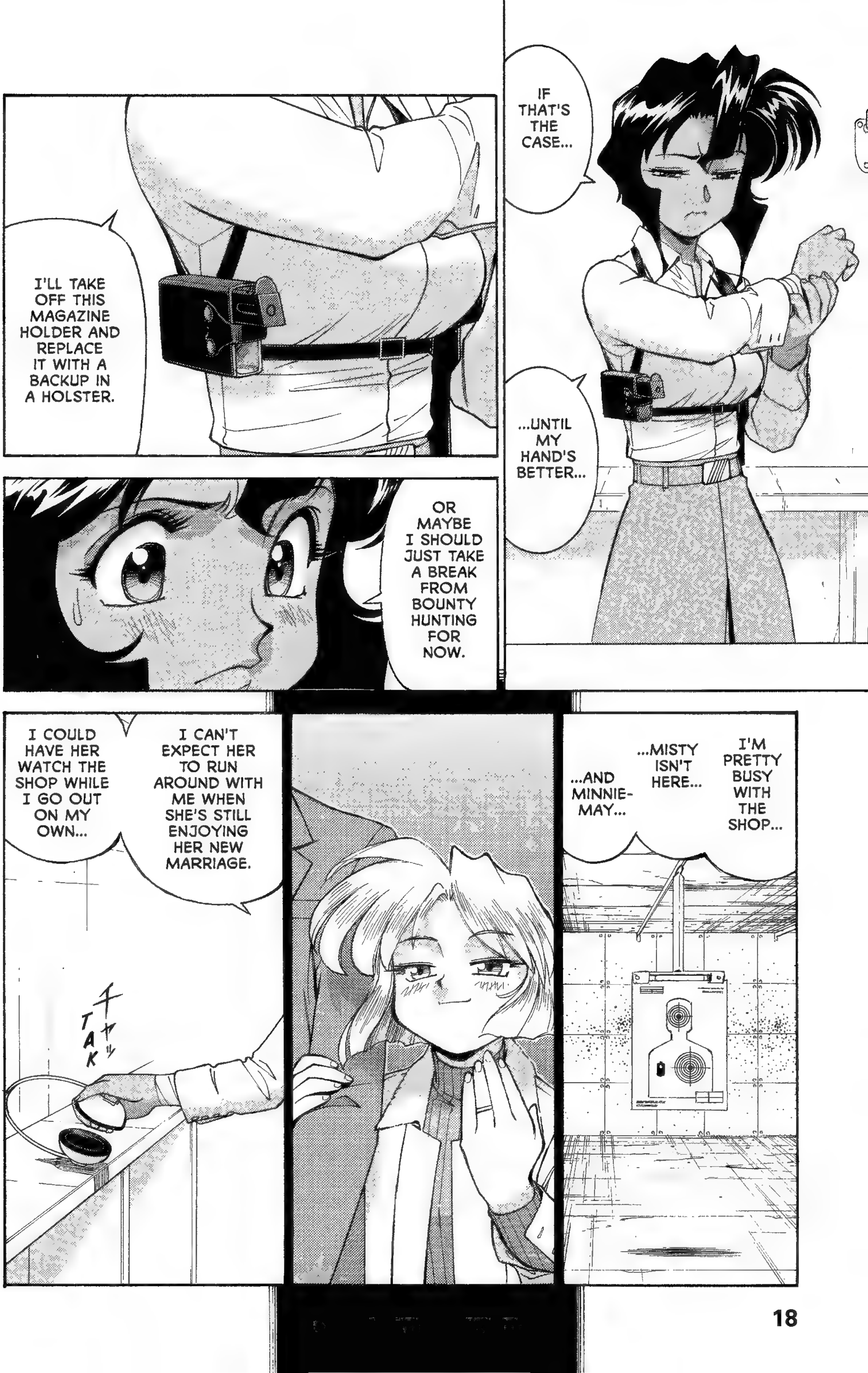
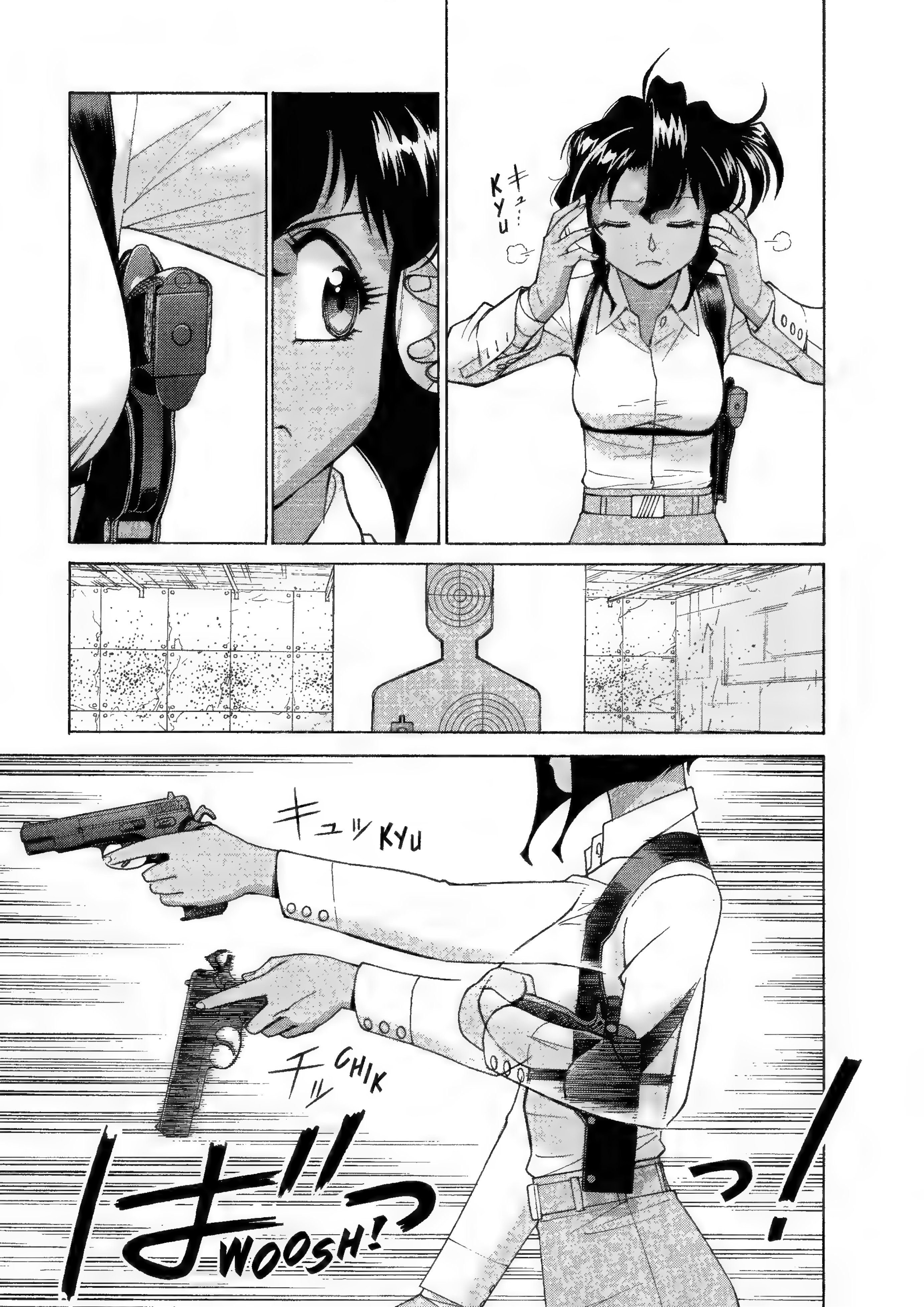
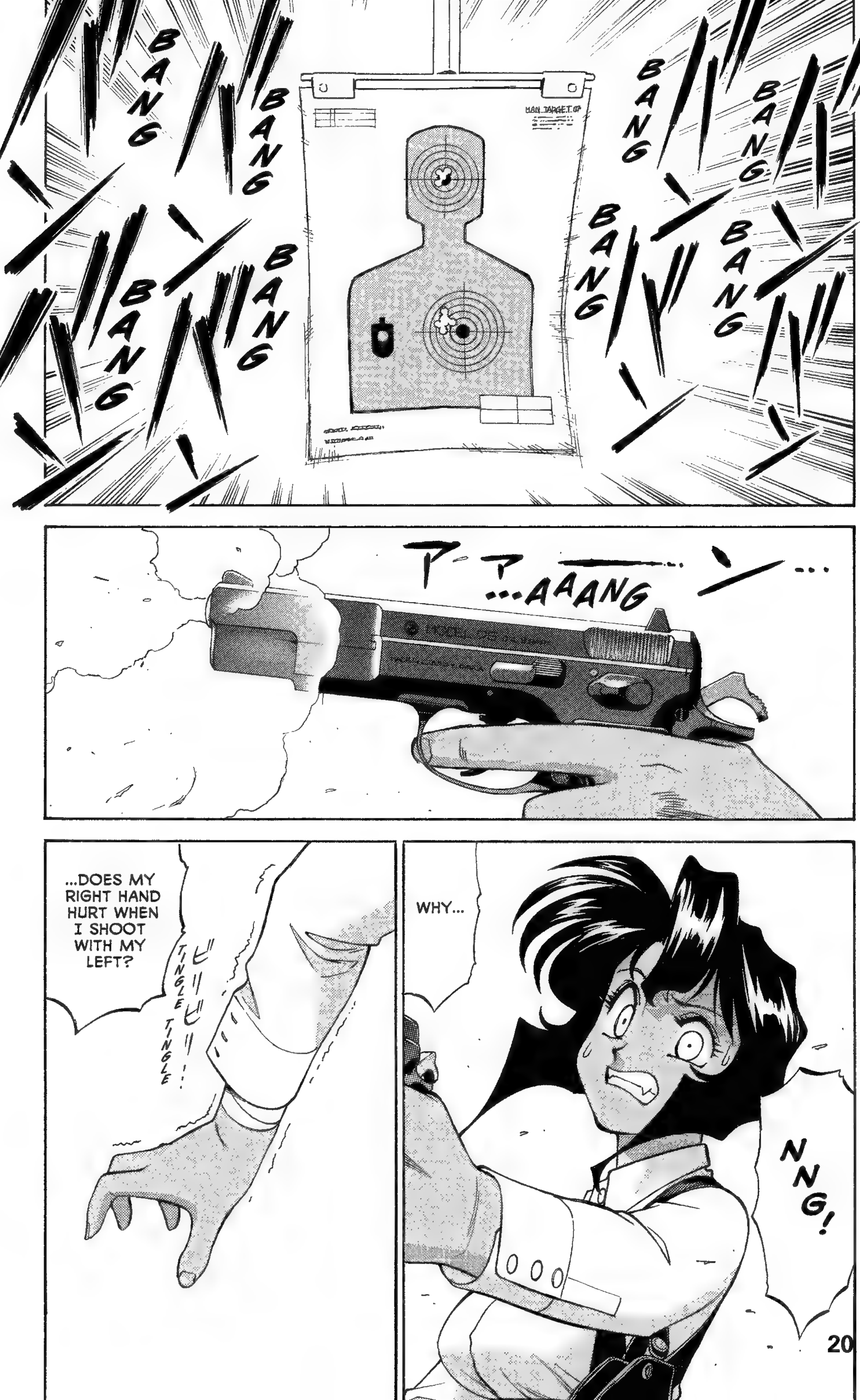
REHABILITATION

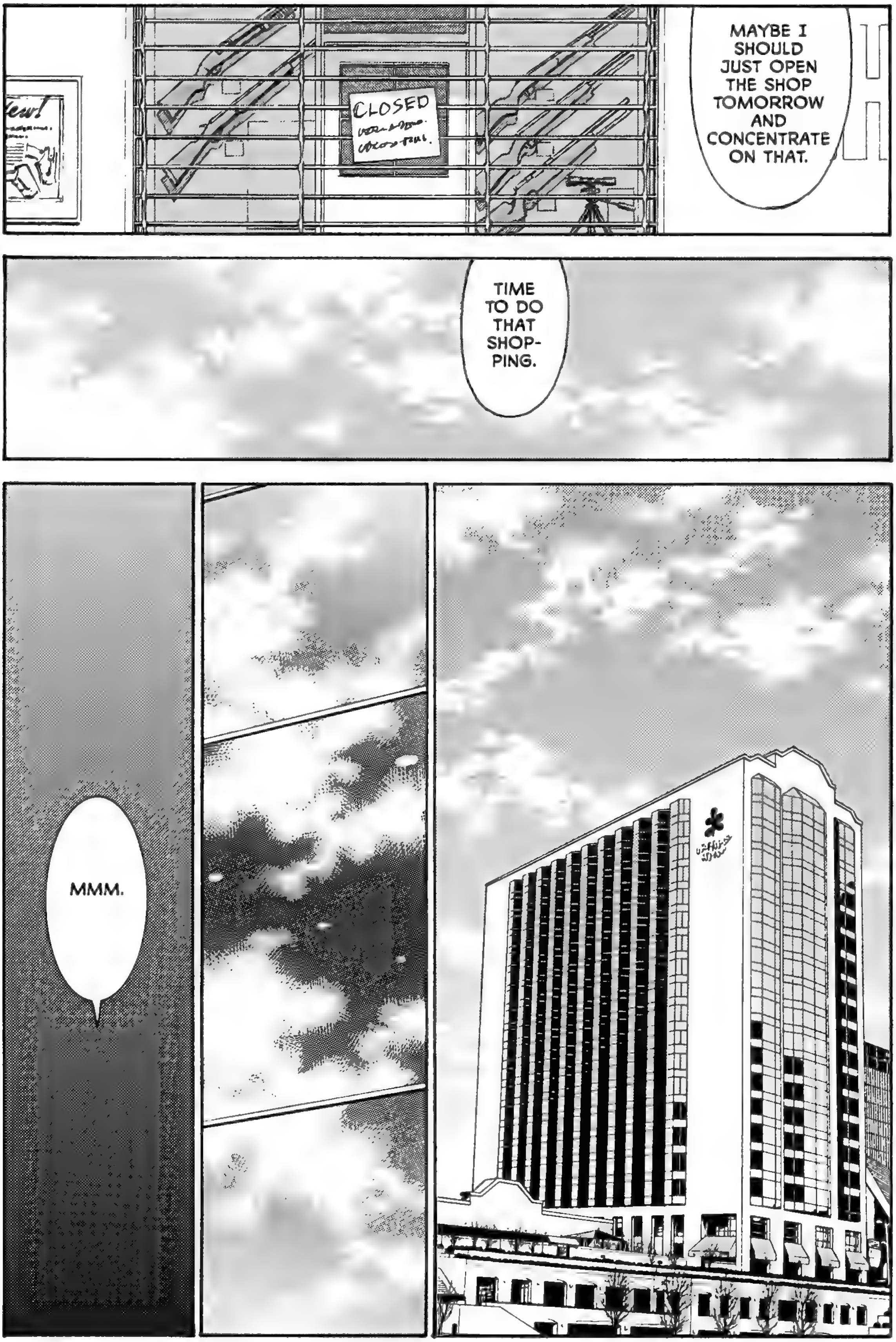

ギュッ
KYU
SNAP
ズキン
THROB
EEK!
ゴトッ
KLAK
FIOCCHI
FIOCCHI

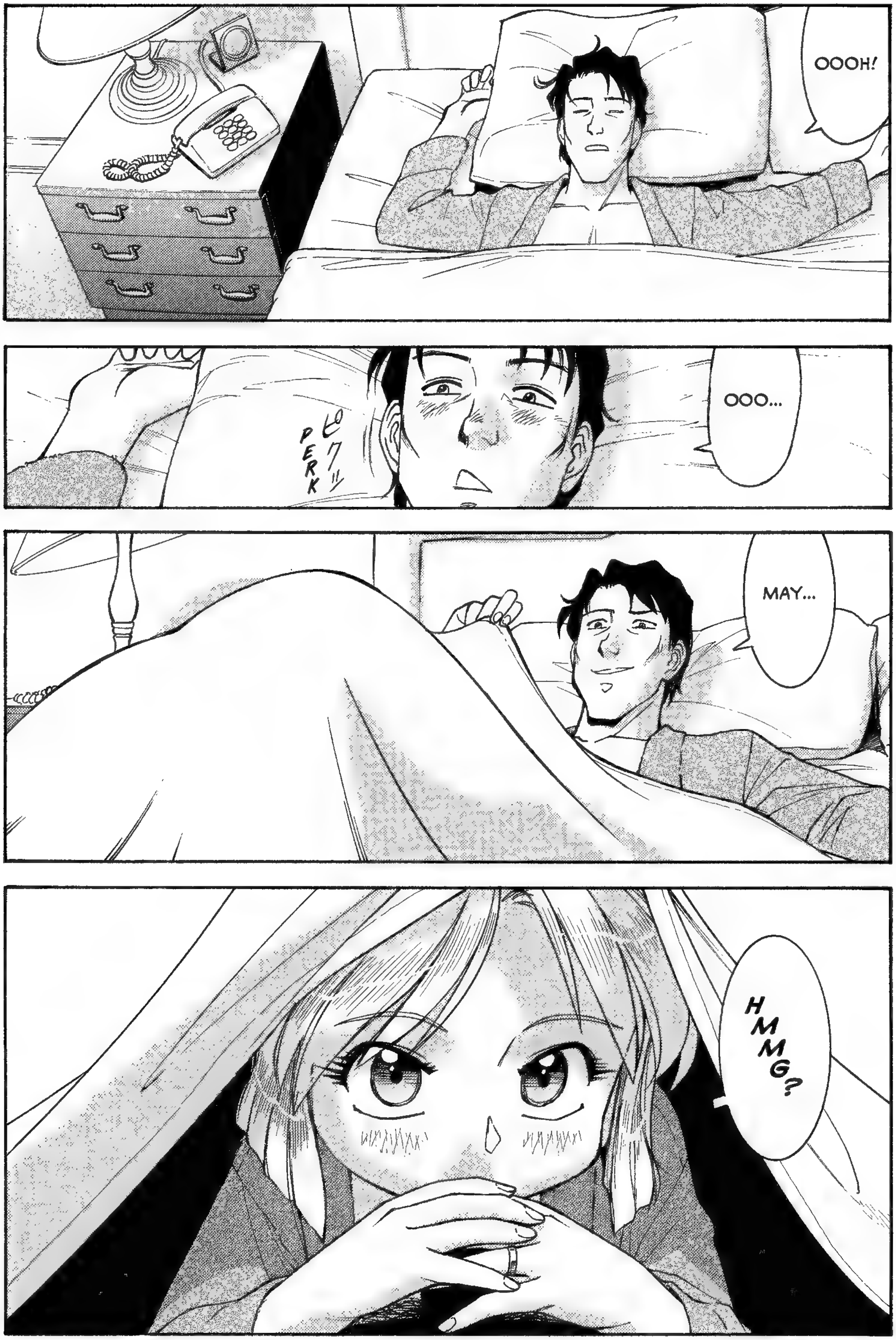

Gunsmith Cats
SHOOTING RANGE
きゃー…っっ
SHOOOO
OWWW!
FORGET ABOUT SHOOTING...
...I CAN'T EVEN CHANGE A MAGAZINE YET.
I THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN BACK ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF MY GRIP...
...BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET BY WITHOUT CHANGING MAGAZINES FOR A WHILE.

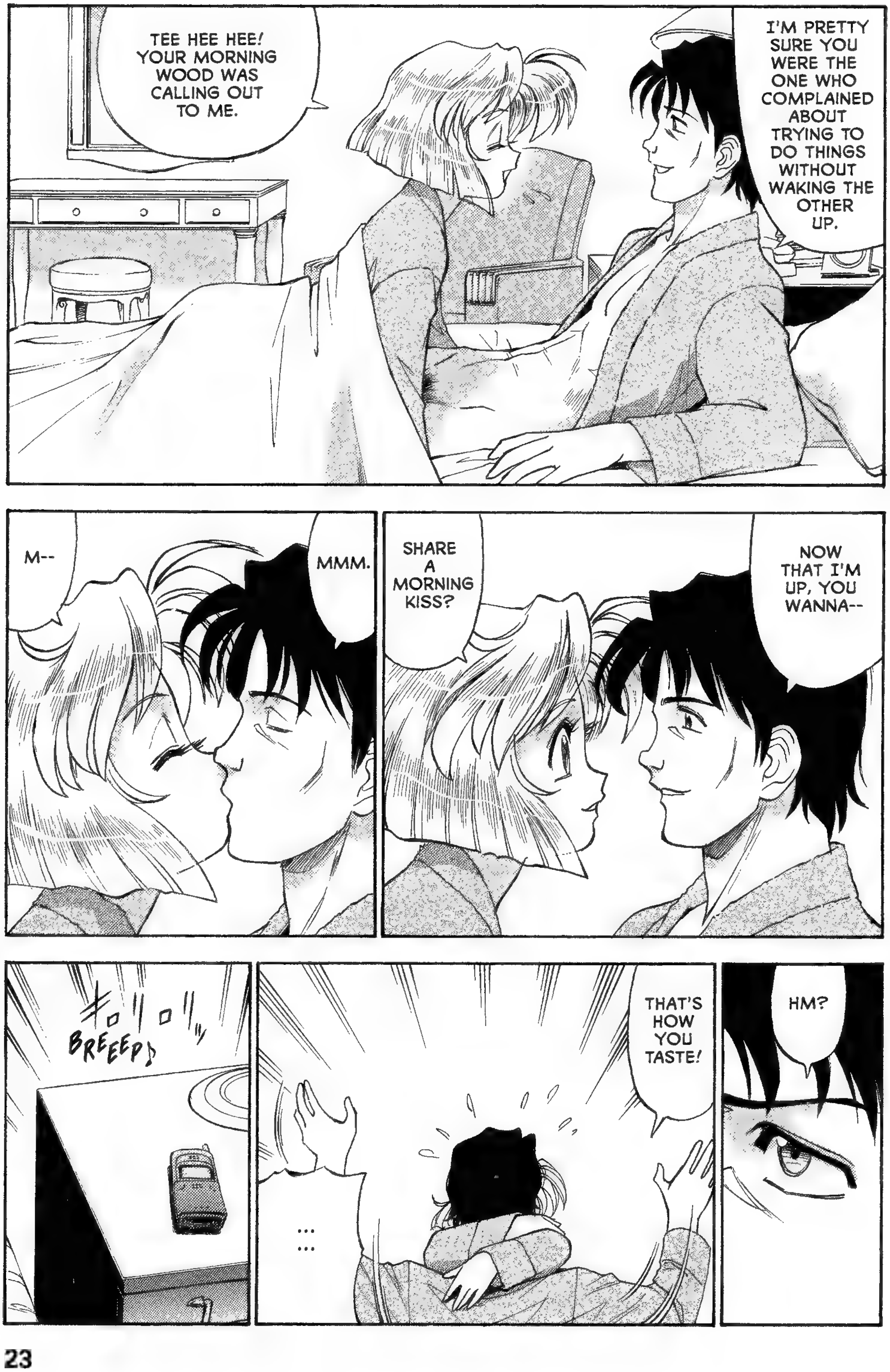

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
...UNTIL MY HAND'S BETTER...
I'LL TAKE OFF THIS MAGAZINE HOLDER AND REPLACE IT WITH A BACKUP IN A HOLSTER.
OR MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TAKE A BREAK FROM BOUNTY HUNTING FOR NOW.
I'M PRETTY BUSY WITH THE SHOP...
...MISTY ISN'T HERE...
...AND MINNIE-MAY...
I CAN'T EXPECT HER TO RUN AROUND WITH ME WHEN SHE'S STILL ENJOYING HER NEW MARRIAGE.
I COULD HAVE HER WATCH THE SHOP WHILE I GO OUT ON MY OWN...
チャッ
TAK

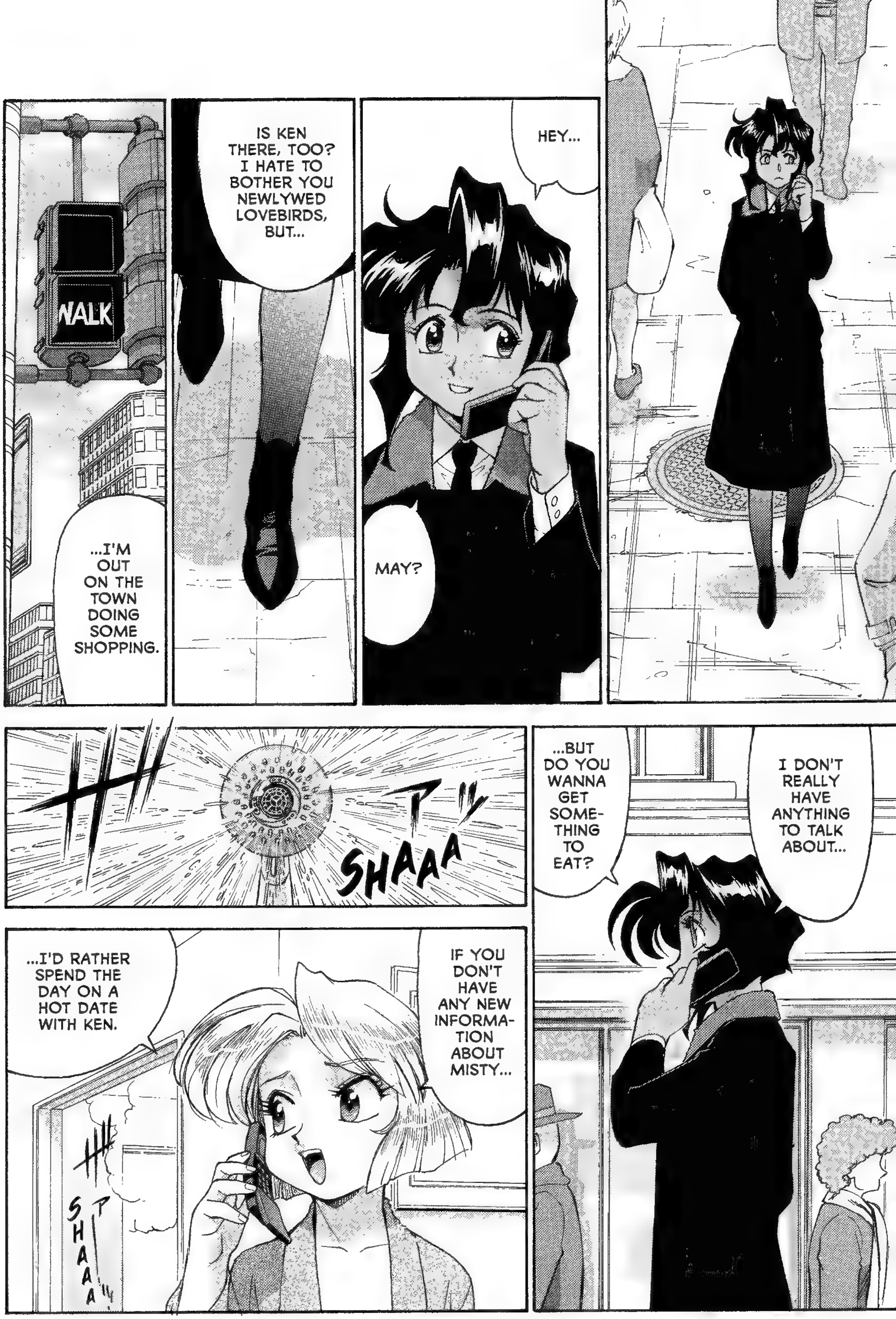

キュ…
KYU
キュッ
KYU
チッ
CHIK
ばっ っ!
WOOSH!

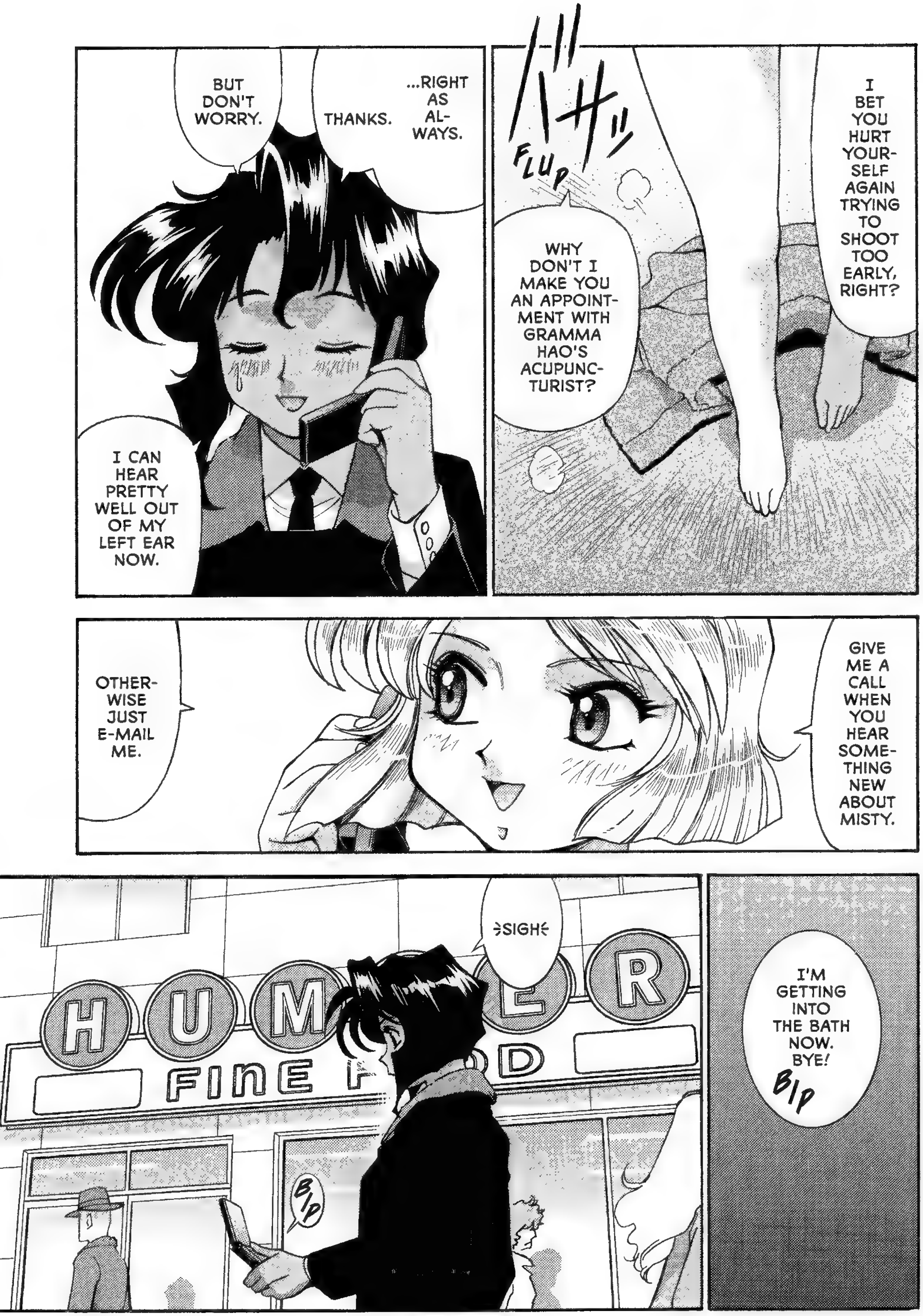

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
MAN TARGET 07
アアーーー…ン…
...AAAANG
WHY...
NNG!
...DOES MY RIGHT HAND HURT WHEN I SHOOT WITH MY LEFT?
ビリビリ!!
TINGLE TINGLE

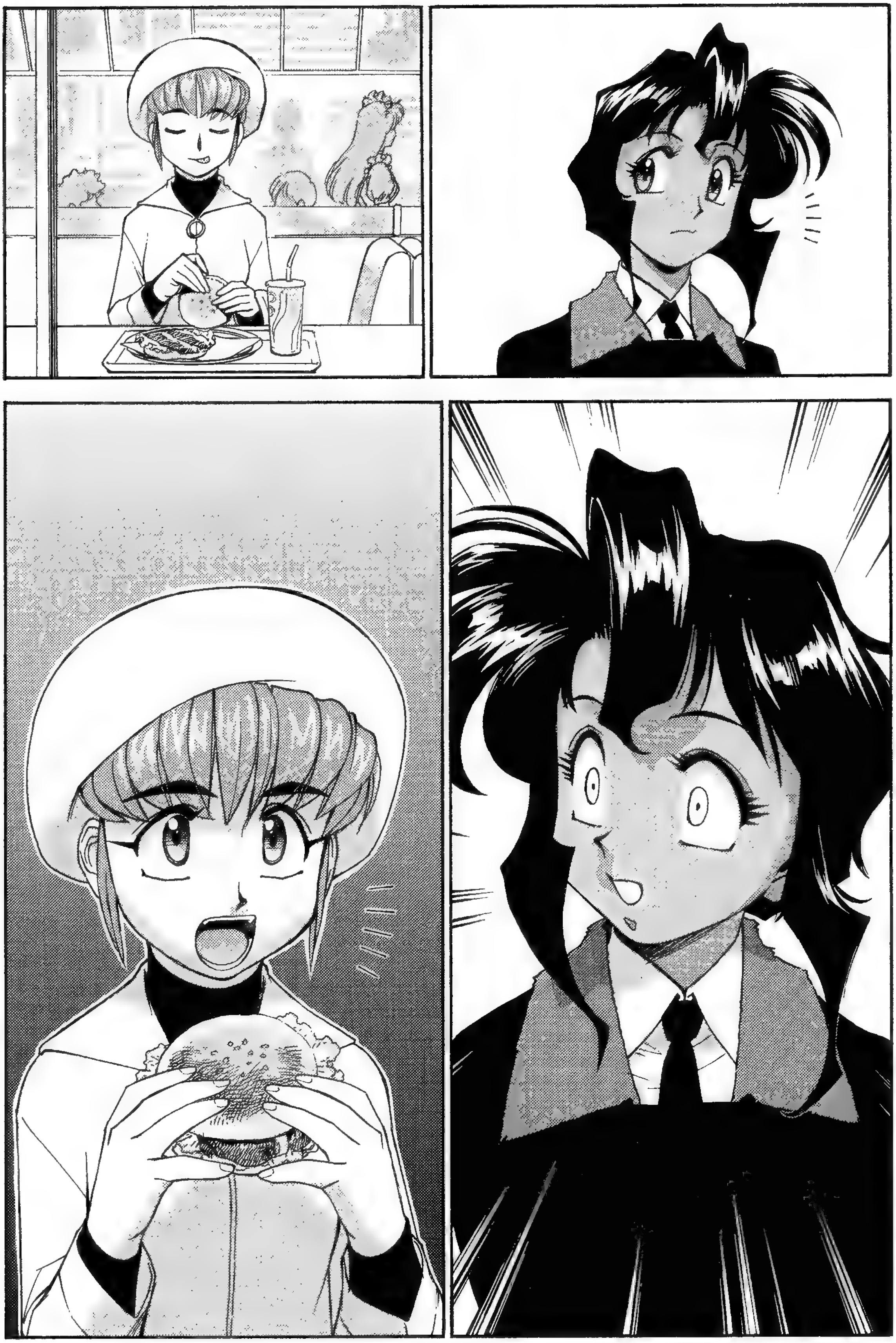

CLOSED
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST OPEN THE SHOP TOMORROW AND CONCENTRATE ON THAT.
TIME TO DO THAT SHOPPING.
MMM.

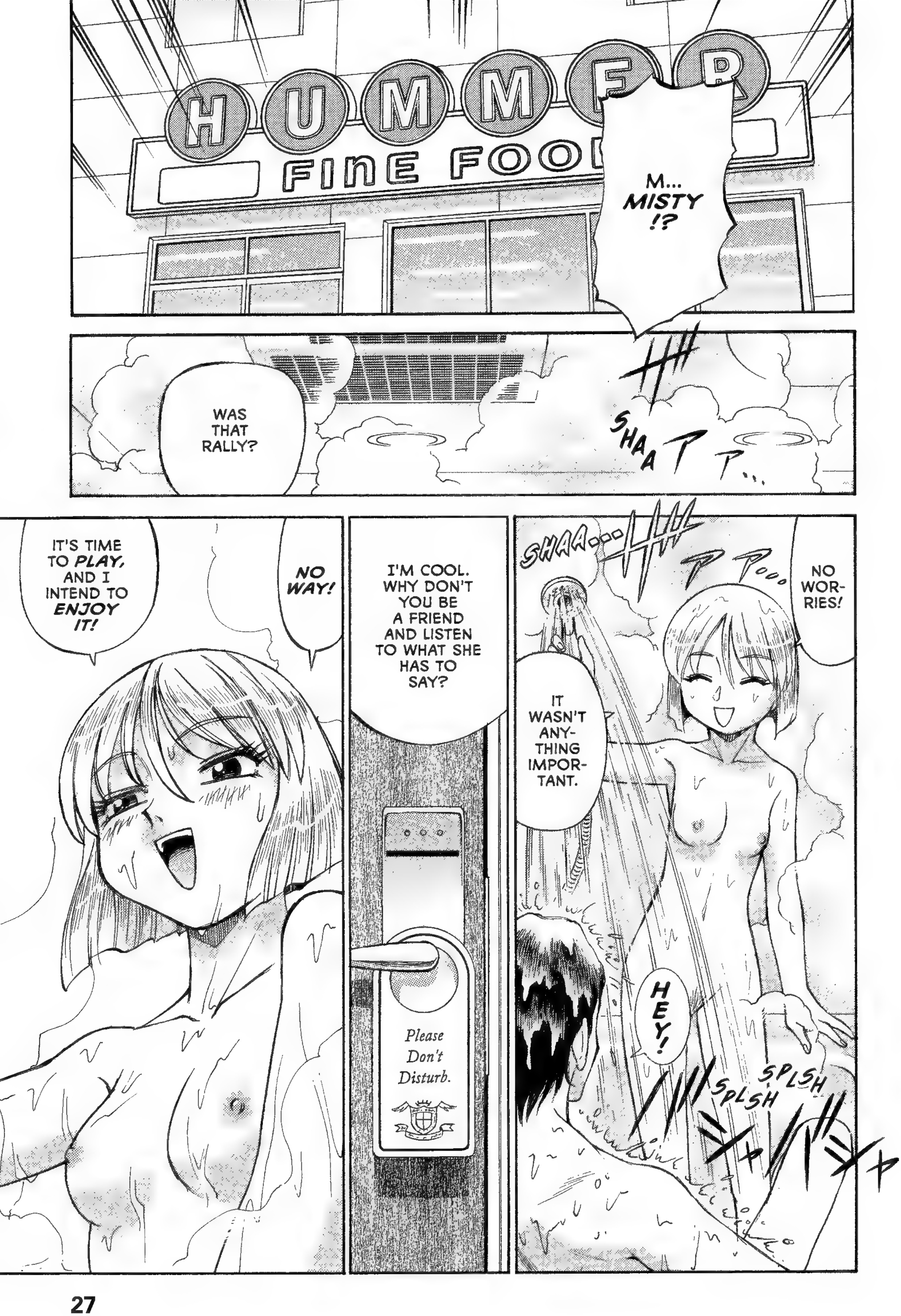

OOOH!
OOO...
ピク!!
PERK
MAY...
HMMG?

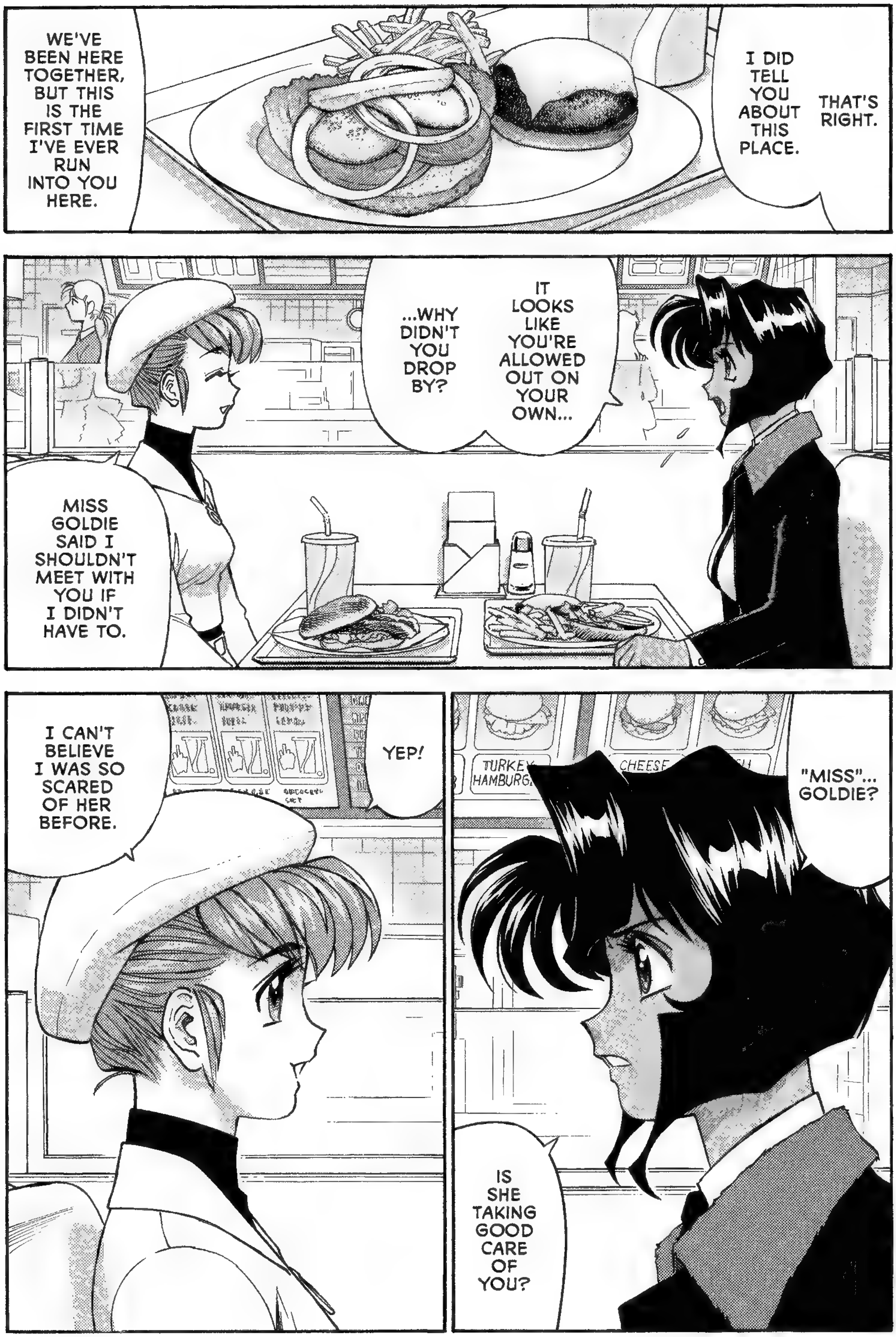

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT TRYING TO DO THINGS WITHOUT WAKING THE OTHER UP.
TEE HEE HEE! YOUR MORNING WOOD WAS CALLING OUT TO ME.
NOW THAT I'M UP, YOU WANNA--
SHARE A MORNING KISS?
MMM.
M--
HM?
THAT'S HOW YOU TASTE!
...
...
BREEEP♪

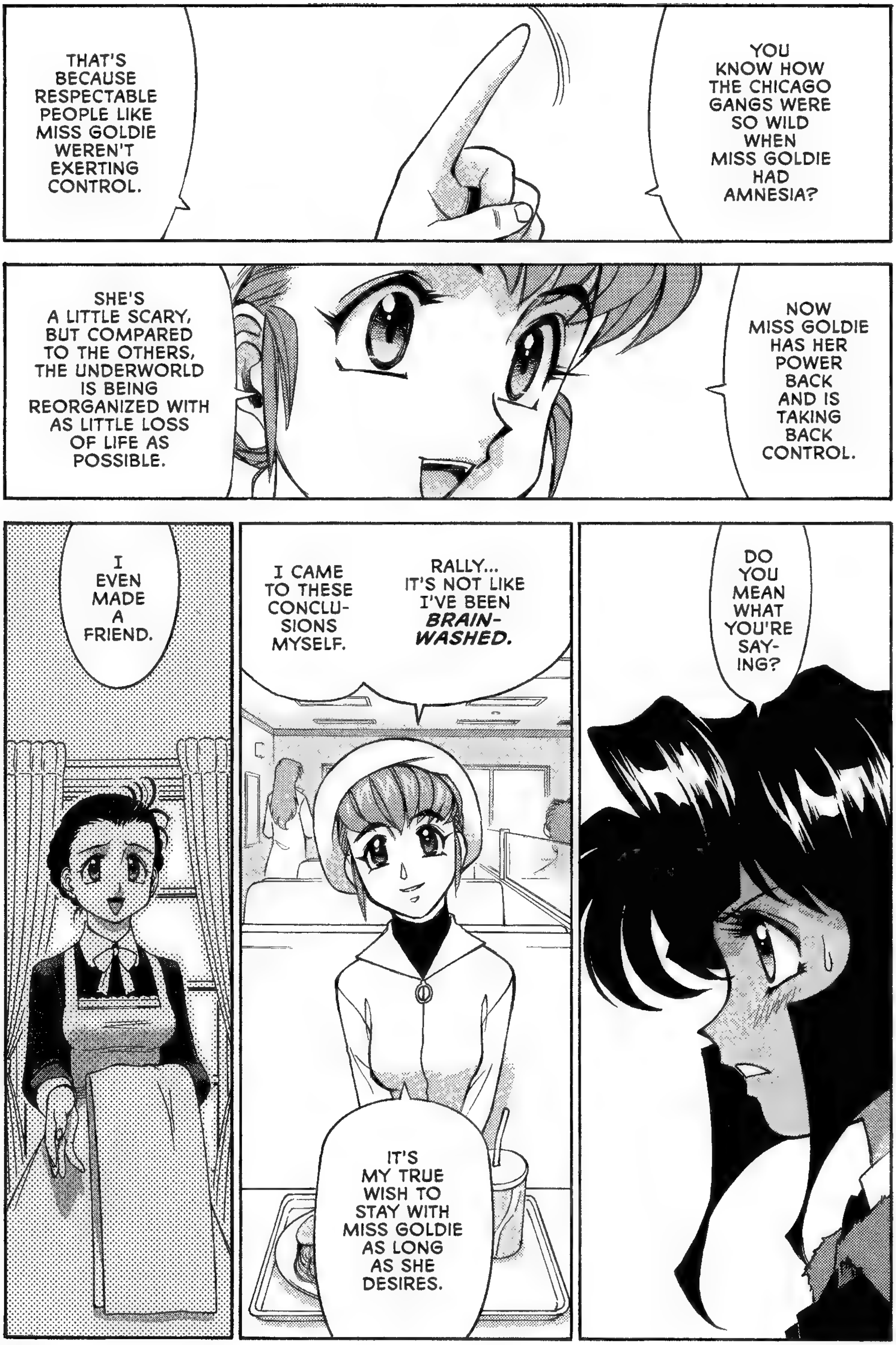

HEY...
MAY?
IS KEN THERE, TOO? I HATE TO BOTHER YOU NEWLYWED LOVEBIRDS, BUT...
WALK
...I'M OUT ON THE TOWN DOING SOME SHOPPING.
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO TALK ABOUT...
...BUT DO YOU WANNA GET SOMETHING TO EAT?
SHAAA
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NEW INFORMATION ABOUT MISTY...
...I'D RATHER SPEND THE DAY ON A HOT DATE WITH KEN.
SHAAAA

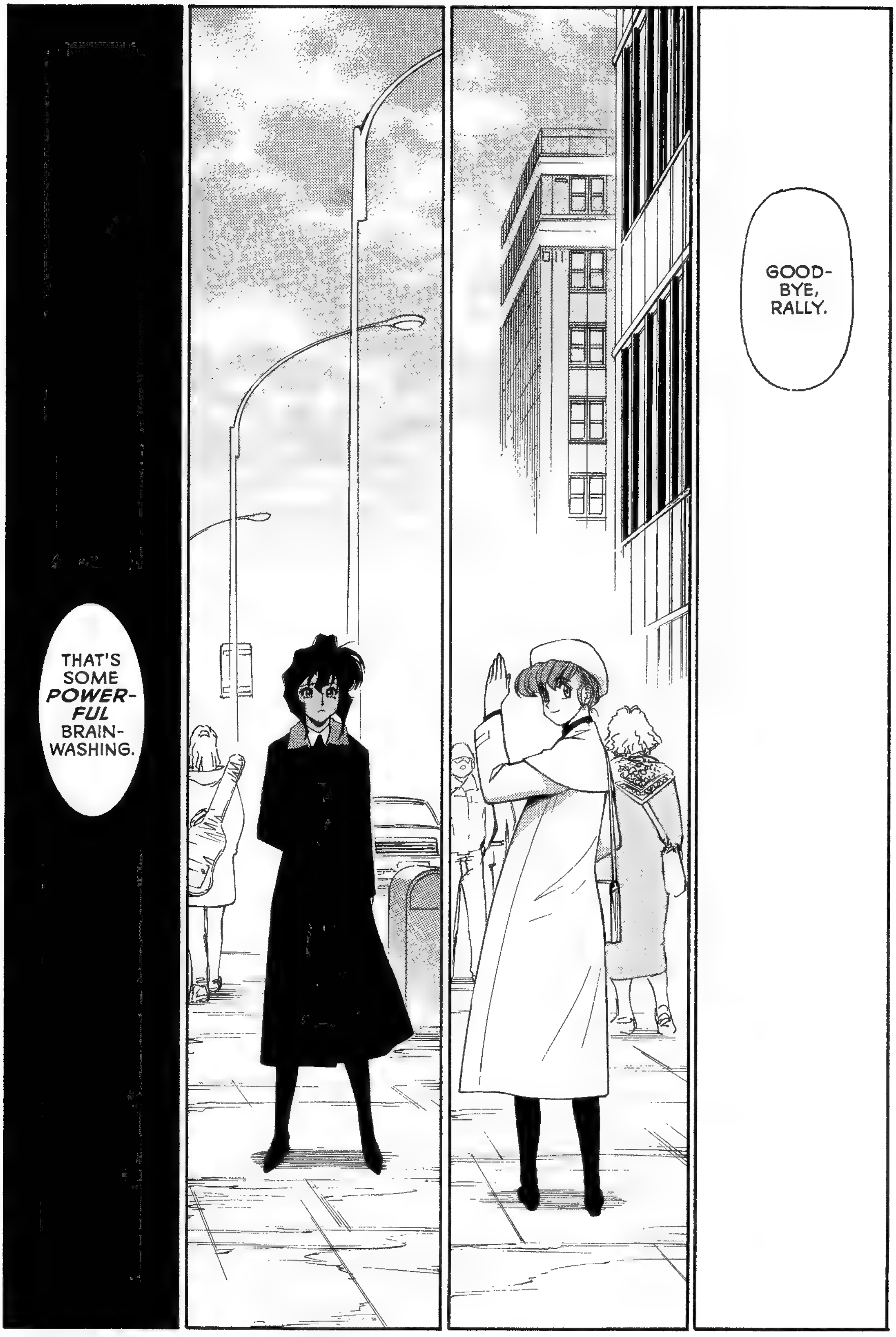

バサッ
FLUP
I BET YOU HURT YOURSELF AGAIN TRYING TO SHOOT TOO EARLY, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T I MAKE YOU AN APPOINTMENT WITH GRAMMA HAO'S ACUPUNCTURIST?
...RIGHT AS ALWAYS.
THANKS.
BUT DON'T WORRY.
I CAN HEAR PRETTY WELL OUT OF MY LEFT EAR NOW.
GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU HEAR SOMETHING NEW ABOUT MISTY.
OTHERWISE JUST E-MAIL ME.
I'M GETTING INTO THE BATH NOW. BYE!
BIP
HUM ER
FINE F OD
BIP
≻SIGH≺




HUMMER
FINE FOOD
WAS THAT RALLY?
M... MISTY !?
SHAATT...
IT'S TIME TO *PLAY*, AND I INTEND TO *ENJOY IT!*
NO WAY!
I'M COOL. WHY DON'T YOU BE A FRIEND AND LISTEN TO WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY?
Please Don't Disturb.
SHAA...
NO WORRIES!
IT WASN'T ANYTHING IMPORTANT.
HEY!
SPLSH
SPLSH


THAT'S RIGHT.
I DID TELL YOU ABOUT THIS PLACE.
WE'VE BEEN HERE TOGETHER, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER RUN INTO YOU HERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALLOWED OUT ON YOUR OWN...
...WHY DIDN'T YOU DROP BY?
MISS GOLDIE SAID I SHOULDN'T MEET WITH YOU IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO.
"MISS"... GOLDIE?
TURKEY HAMBURG
CHEESE
IS SHE TAKING GOOD CARE OF YOU?
YEP!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS SO SCARED OF HER BEFORE.


YOU KNOW HOW THE CHICAGO GANGS WERE SO WILD WHEN MISS GOLDIE HAD AMNESIA?
THAT'S BECAUSE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE LIKE MISS GOLDIE WEREN'T EXERTING CONTROL.
NOW MISS GOLDIE HAS HER POWER BACK AND IS TAKING BACK CONTROL.
SHE'S A LITTLE SCARY, BUT COMPARED TO THE OTHERS, THE UNDERWORLD IS BEING REORGANIZED WITH AS LITTLE LOSS OF LIFE AS POSSIBLE.
DO YOU MEAN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
RALLY... IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN ***BRAINWASHED.***
I CAME TO THESE CONCLUSIONS MYSELF.
IT'S MY TRUE WISH TO STAY WITH MISS GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE DESIRES.
I EVEN MADE A FRIEND.


GOOD-BYE, RALLY.
THAT'S SOME *POWERFUL* BRAINWASHING.

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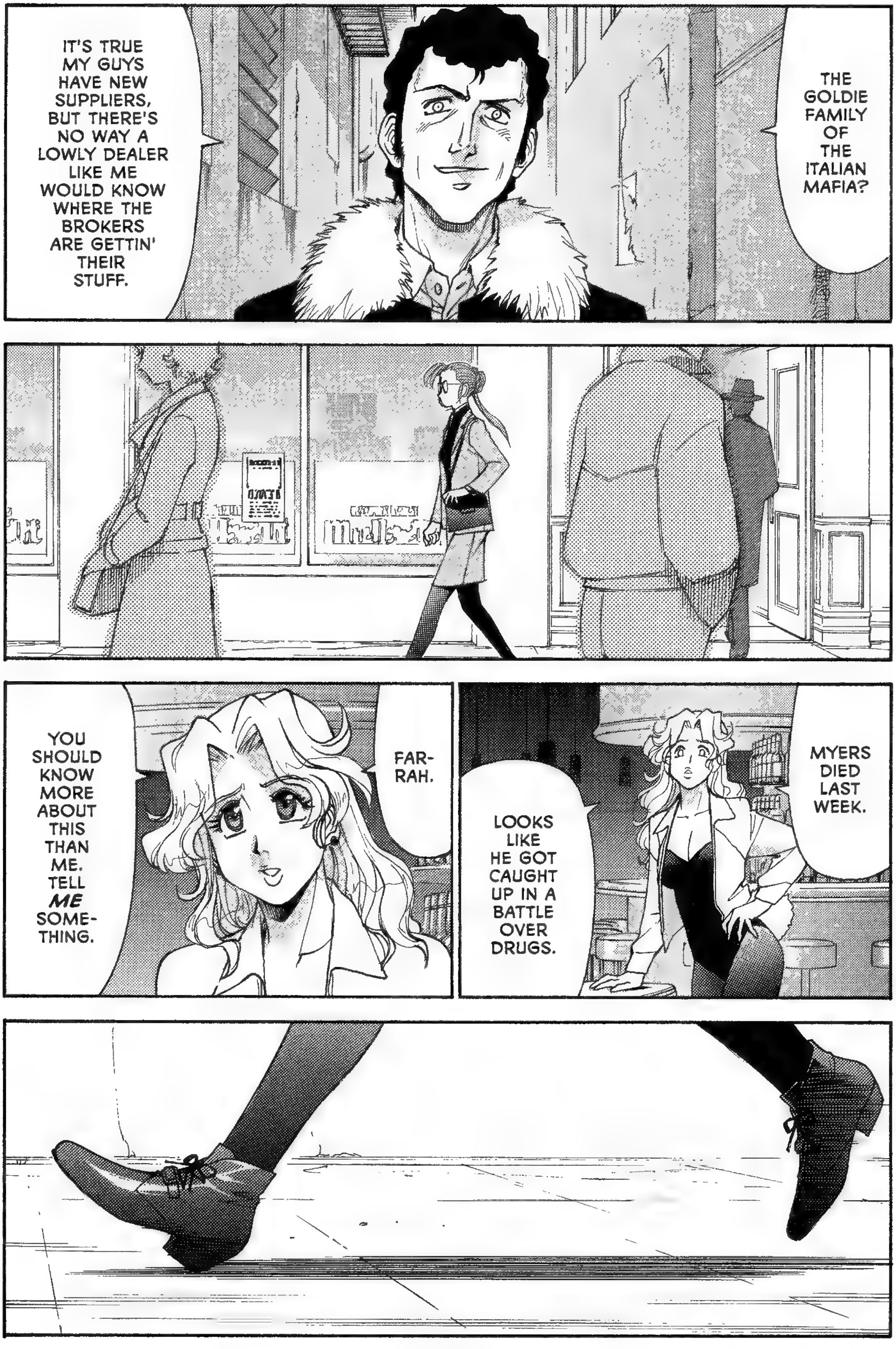
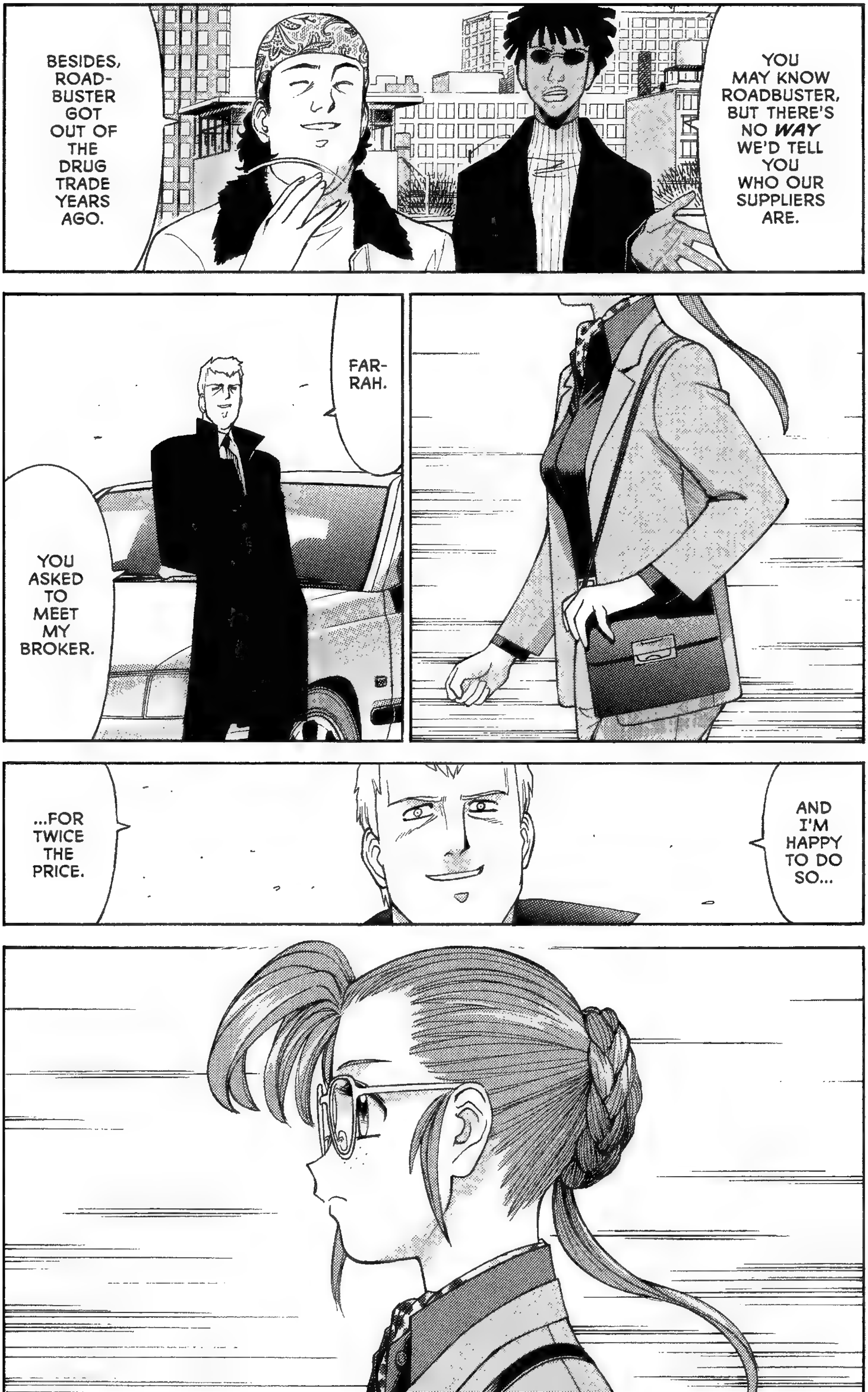
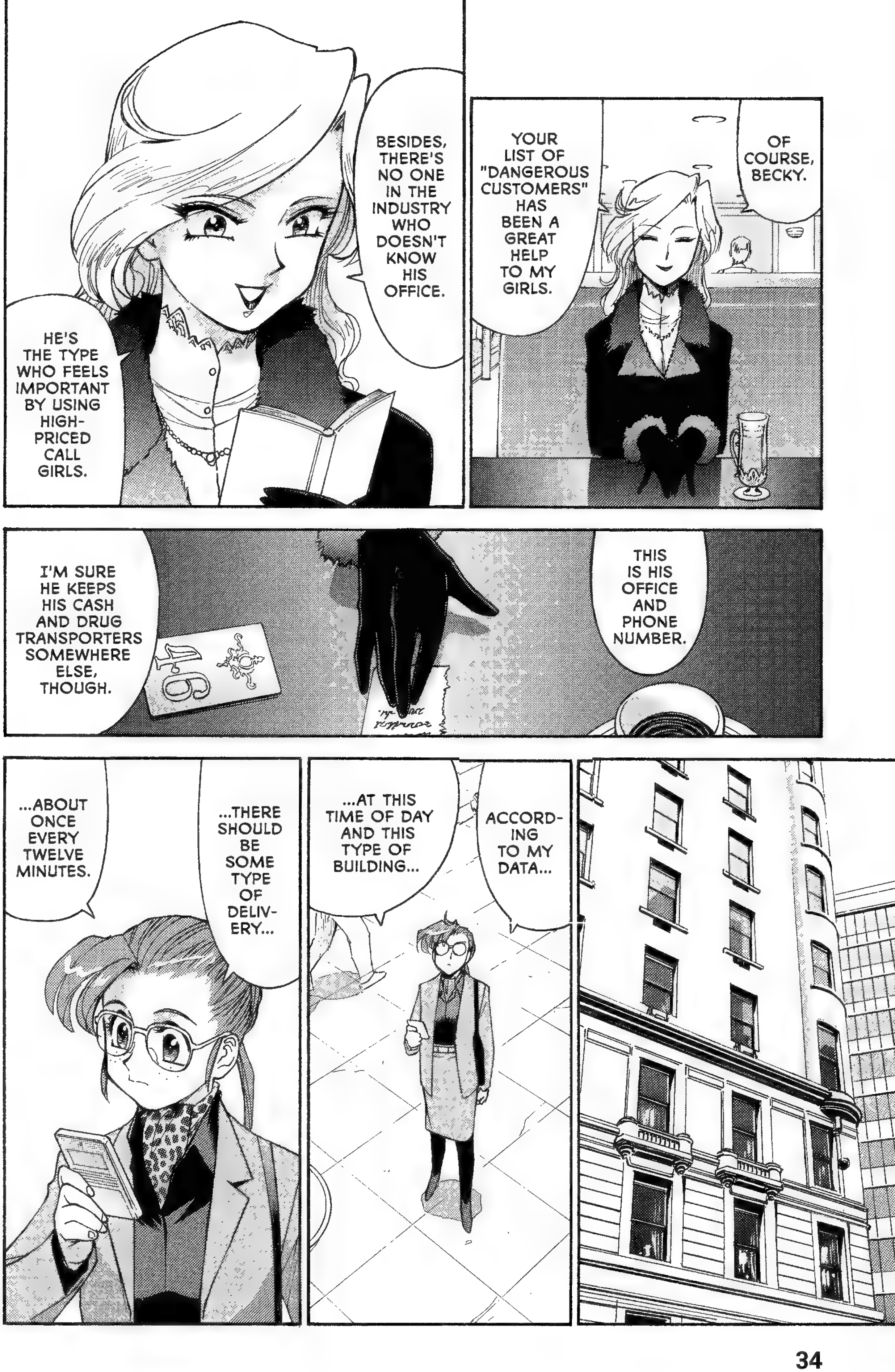
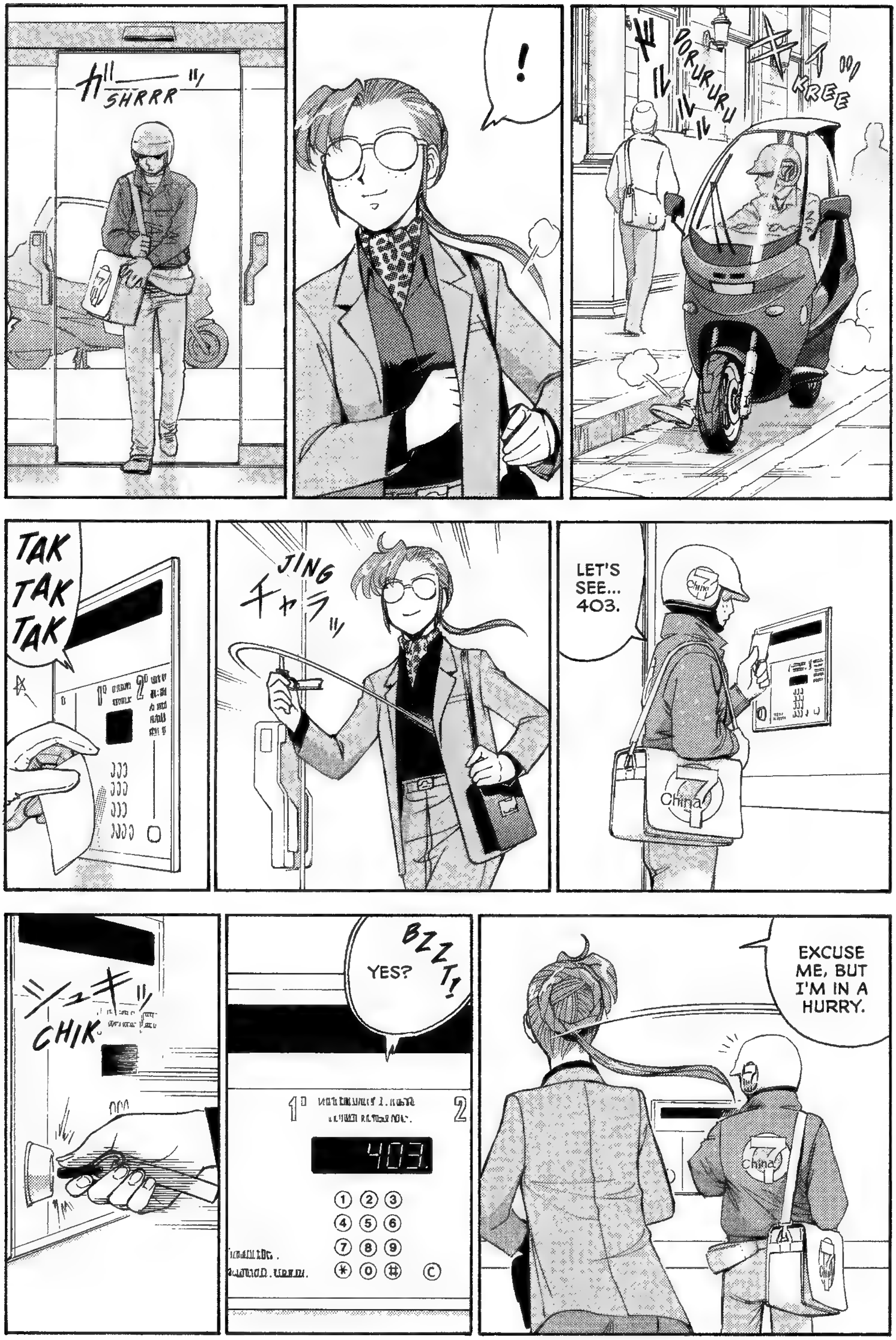
BECKY FARRAH


THE GOLDIE FAMILY OF THE ITALIAN MAFIA?
IT'S TRUE MY GUYS HAVE NEW SUPPLIERS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY A LOWLY DEALER LIKE ME WOULD KNOW WHERE THE BROKERS ARE GETTIN' THEIR STUFF.
MYERS DIED LAST WEEK.
LOOKS LIKE HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN A BATTLE OVER DRUGS.
FARRAH.
YOU SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS THAN ME. TELL *ME* SOMETHING.


YOU MAY KNOW ROADBUSTER, BUT THERE'S NO *WAY* WE'D TELL YOU WHO OUR SUPPLIERS ARE.
BESIDES, ROADBUSTER GOT OUT OF THE DRUG TRADE YEARS AGO.
FARRAH.
YOU ASKED TO MEET MY BROKER.
AND I'M HAPPY TO DO SO...
...FOR TWICE THE PRICE.


OF COURSE, BECKY.
YOUR LIST OF "DANGEROUS CUSTOMERS" HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO MY GIRLS.
BESIDES, THERE'S NO ONE IN THE INDUSTRY WHO DOESN'T KNOW HIS OFFICE.
HE'S THE TYPE WHO FEELS IMPORTANT BY USING HIGH-PRICED CALL GIRLS.
THIS IS HIS OFFICE AND PHONE NUMBER.
I'M SURE HE KEEPS HIS CASH AND DRUG TRANSPORTERS SOMEWHERE ELSE, THOUGH.
ACCORDING TO MY DATA...
...AT THIS TIME OF DAY AND THIS TYPE OF BUILDING...
...THERE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF DELIVERY...
...ABOUT ONCE EVERY TWELVE MINUTES.


カ SHRRR
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KREE
TAK TAK TAK
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LET'S SEE... 403.
China
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YES?
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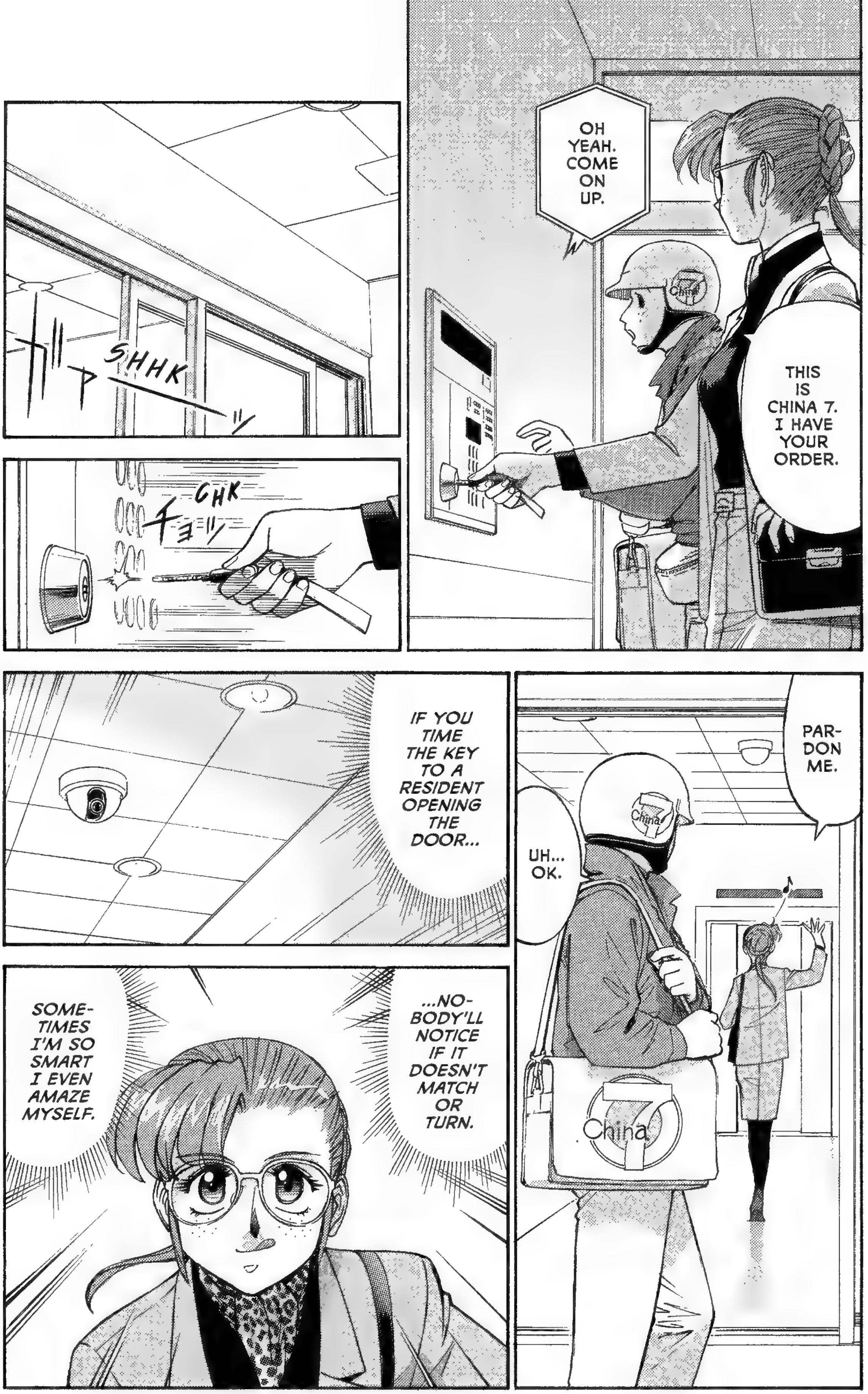
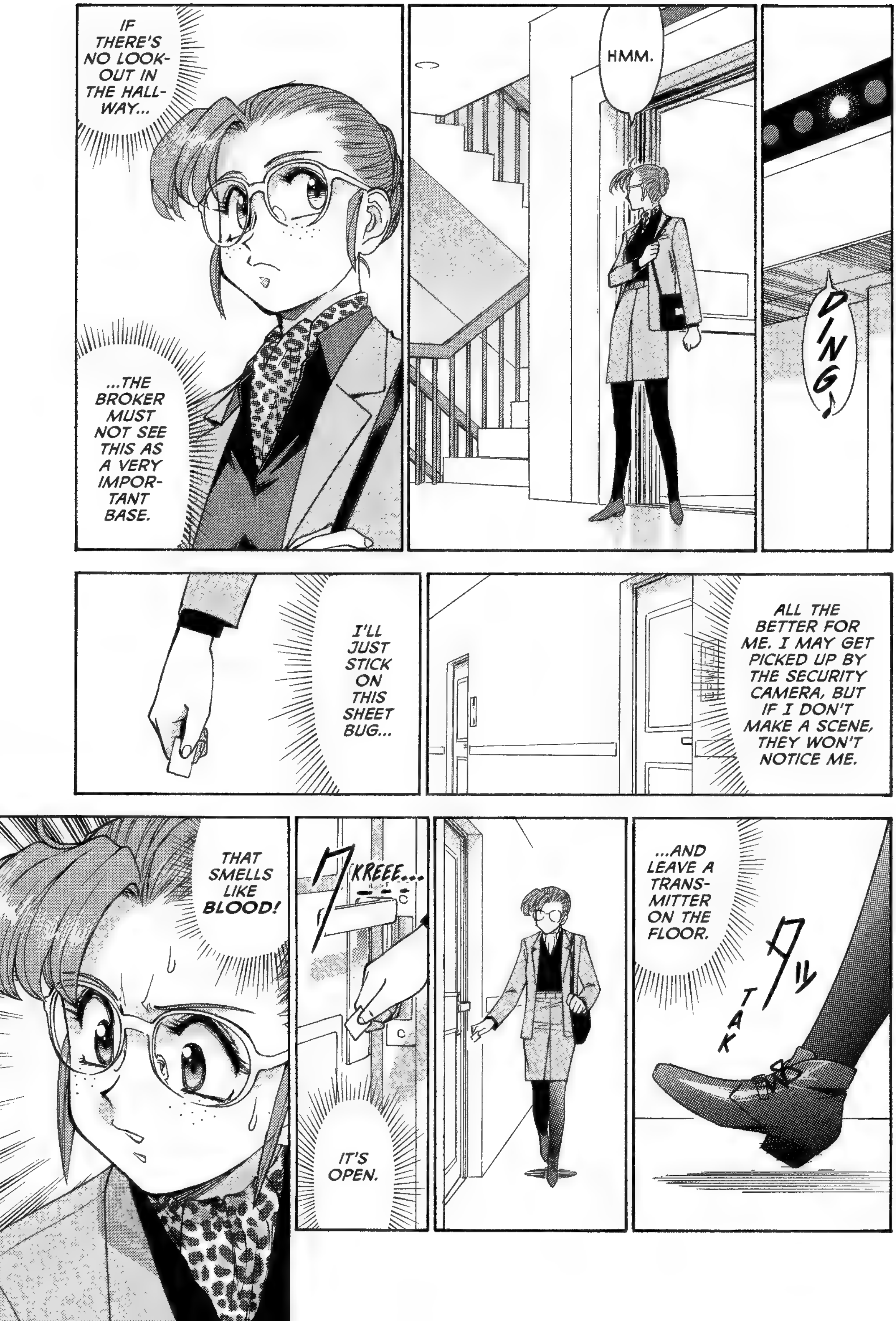
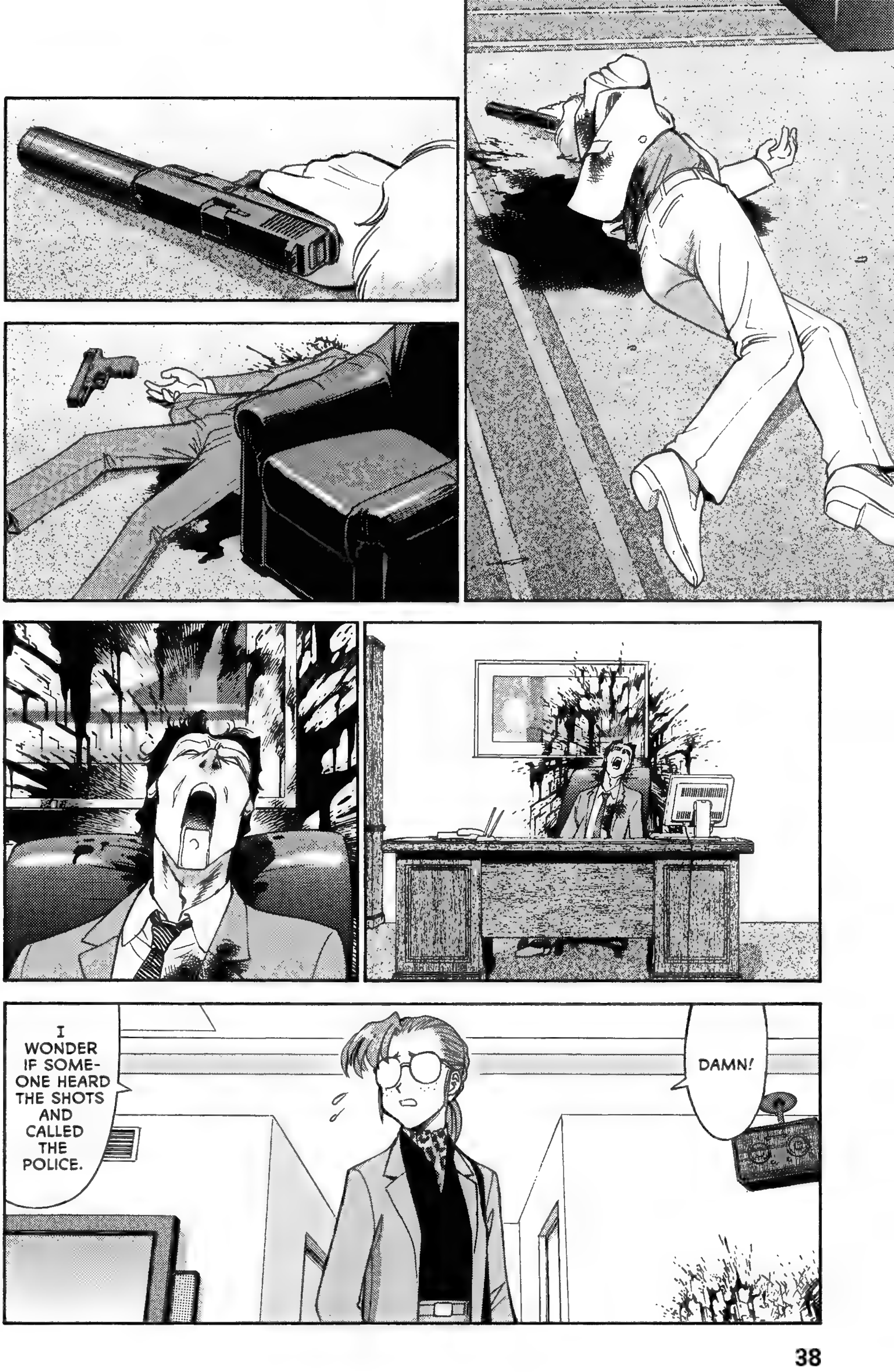
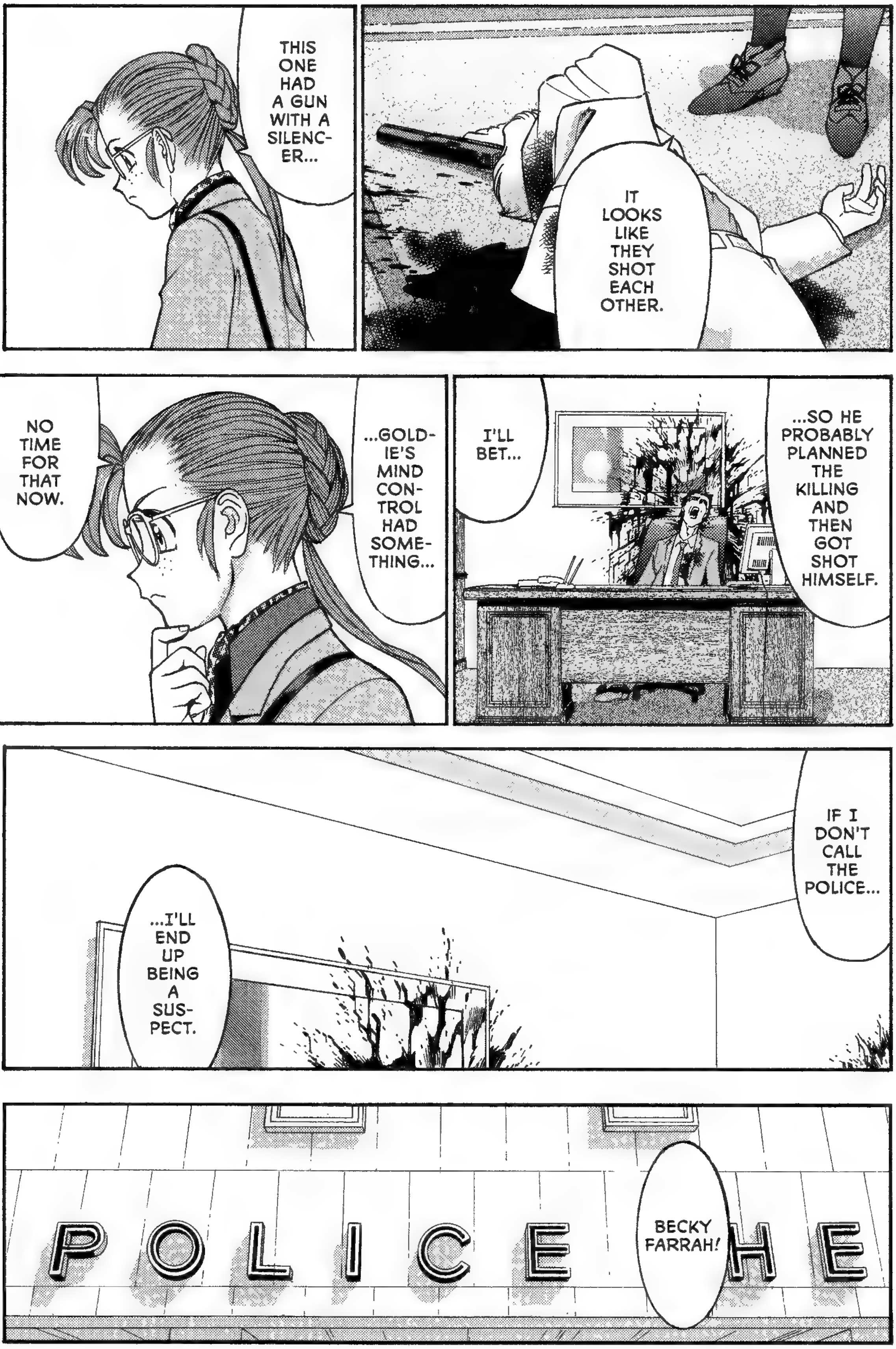
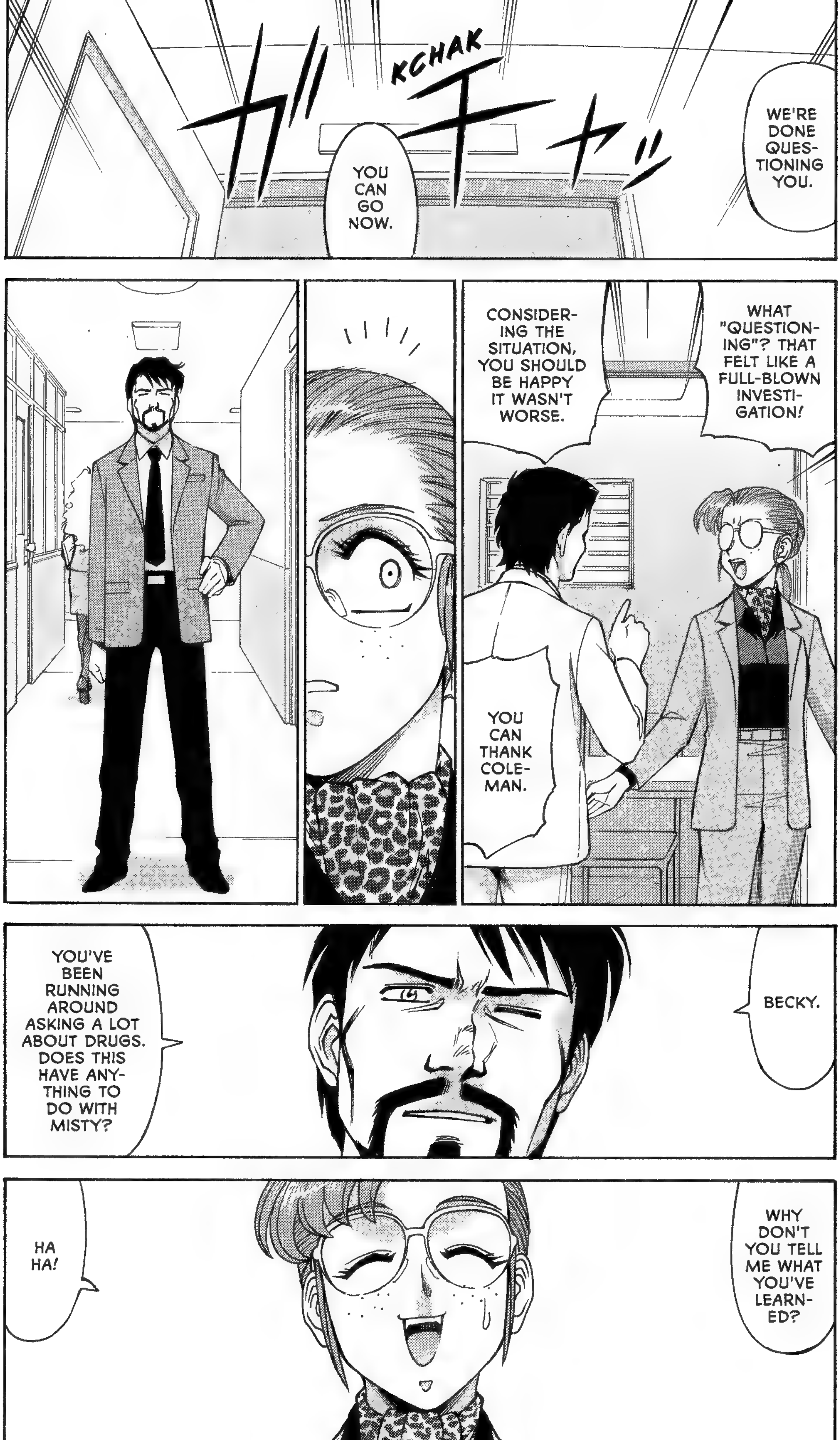
EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M IN A HURRY.


THIS IS CHINA 7. I HAVE YOUR ORDER.
OH YEAH. COME ON UP.
ガラッ
SHHK
チョッ
CHK
PARDON ME.
UH... OK.
IF YOU TIME THE KEY TO A RESIDENT OPENING THE DOOR...
...NOBODY'LL NOTICE IF IT DOESN'T MATCH OR TURN.
SOMETIMES I'M SO SMART I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF.
China 7


DING♪
HMM.
IF THERE'S NO LOOKOUT IN THE HALLWAY...
...THE BROKER MUST NOT SEE THIS AS A VERY IMPORTANT BASE.
ALL THE BETTER FOR ME. I MAY GET PICKED UP BY THE SECURITY CAMERA, BUT IF I DON'T MAKE A SCENE, THEY WON'T NOTICE ME.
I'LL JUST STICK ON THIS SHEET BUG...
...AND LEAVE A TRANSMITTER ON THE FLOOR.
タッ
TAK
KREEE...
IT'S OPEN.
THAT SMELLS LIKE BLOOD!


DAMN!
I WONDER IF SOMEONE HEARD THE SHOTS AND CALLED THE POLICE.


IT LOOKS LIKE THEY SHOT EACH OTHER.
THIS ONE HAD A GUN WITH A SILENCER...
...SO HE PROBABLY PLANNED THE KILLING AND THEN GOT SHOT HIMSELF.
I'LL BET...
...GOLDIE'S MIND CONTROL HAD SOMETHING...
NO TIME FOR THAT NOW.
IF I DON'T CALL THE POLICE...
...I'LL END UP BEING A SUSPECT.
POLICE HE
BECKY FARRAH!


WE'RE DONE QUESTIONING YOU.
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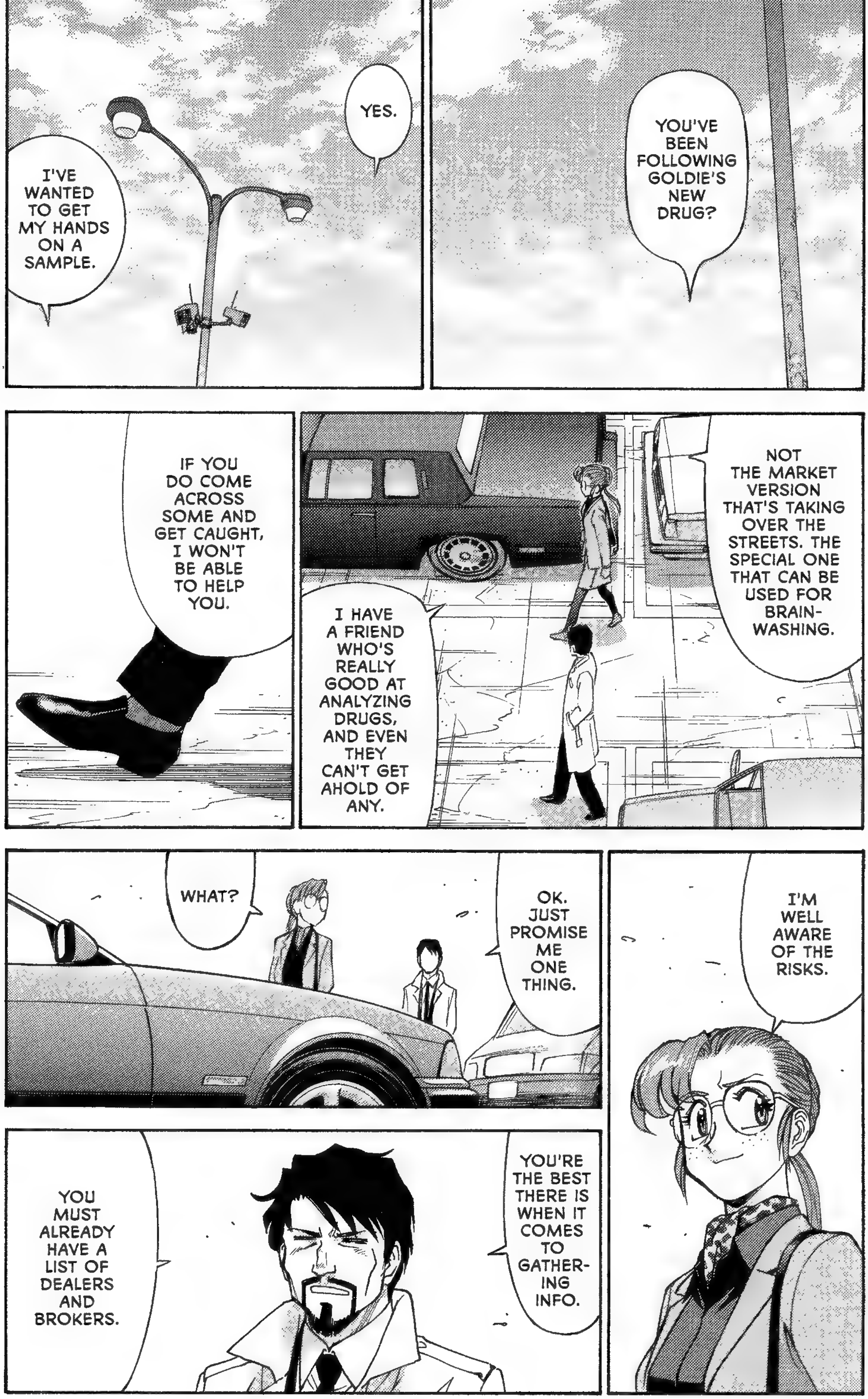
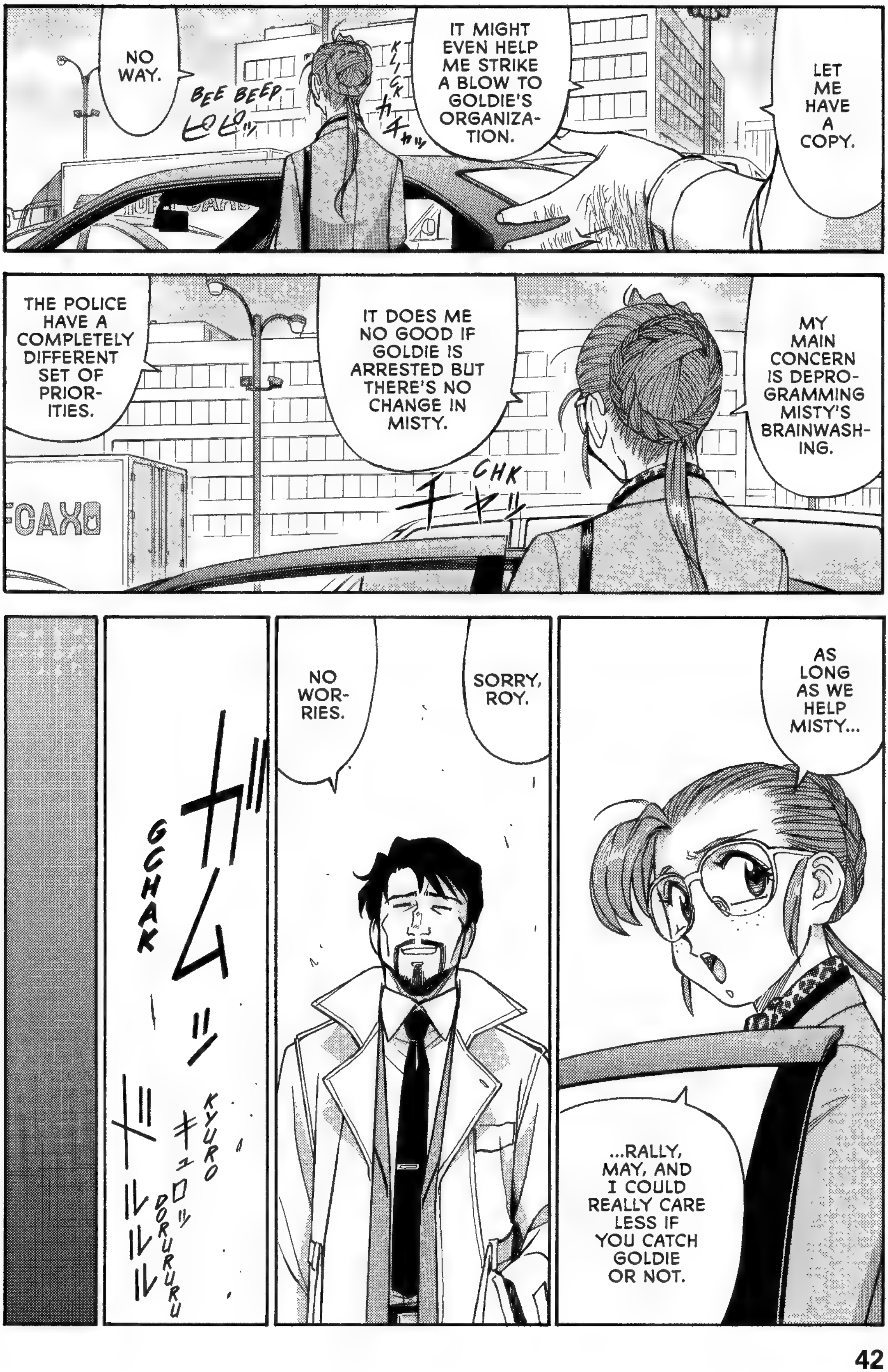
KCHAK
YOU CAN GO NOW.
WHAT "QUESTIONING"? THAT FELT LIKE A FULL-BLOWN INVESTIGATION!
CONSIDERING THE SITUATION, YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WASN'T WORSE.
YOU CAN THANK COLEMAN.
BECKY.
YOU'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND ASKING A LOT ABOUT DRUGS. DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH MISTY?
WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED?
HA HA!


YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING GOLDIE'S NEW DRUG?
YES.
I'VE WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON A SAMPLE.
NOT THE MARKET VERSION THAT'S TAKING OVER THE STREETS. THE SPECIAL ONE THAT CAN BE USED FOR BRAINWASHING.
I HAVE A FRIEND WHO'S REALLY GOOD AT ANALYZING DRUGS, AND EVEN THEY CAN'T GET AHOLD OF ANY.
IF YOU DO COME ACROSS SOME AND GET CAUGHT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU.
I'M WELL AWARE OF THE RISKS.
OK. JUST PROMISE ME ONE THING.
WHAT?
YOU'RE THE BEST THERE IS WHEN IT COMES TO GATHERING INFO.
YOU MUST ALREADY HAVE A LIST OF DEALERS AND BROKERS.


LET ME HAVE A COPY.
IT MIGHT EVEN HELP ME STRIKE A BLOW TO GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION.
KLICK
BEE BEEP
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NO WAY.
MY MAIN CONCERN IS DEPROGRAMMING MISTY'S BRAINWASHING.
GHK
IT DOES ME NO GOOD IF GOLDIE IS ARRESTED BUT THERE'S NO CHANGE IN MISTY.
THE POLICE HAVE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SET OF PRIORITIES.
AS LONG AS WE HELP MISTY...
...RALLY, MAY, AND I COULD REALLY CARE LESS IF YOU CATCH GOLDIE OR NOT.
SORRY, ROY.
NO WORRIES.
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KYURO
キュロッ
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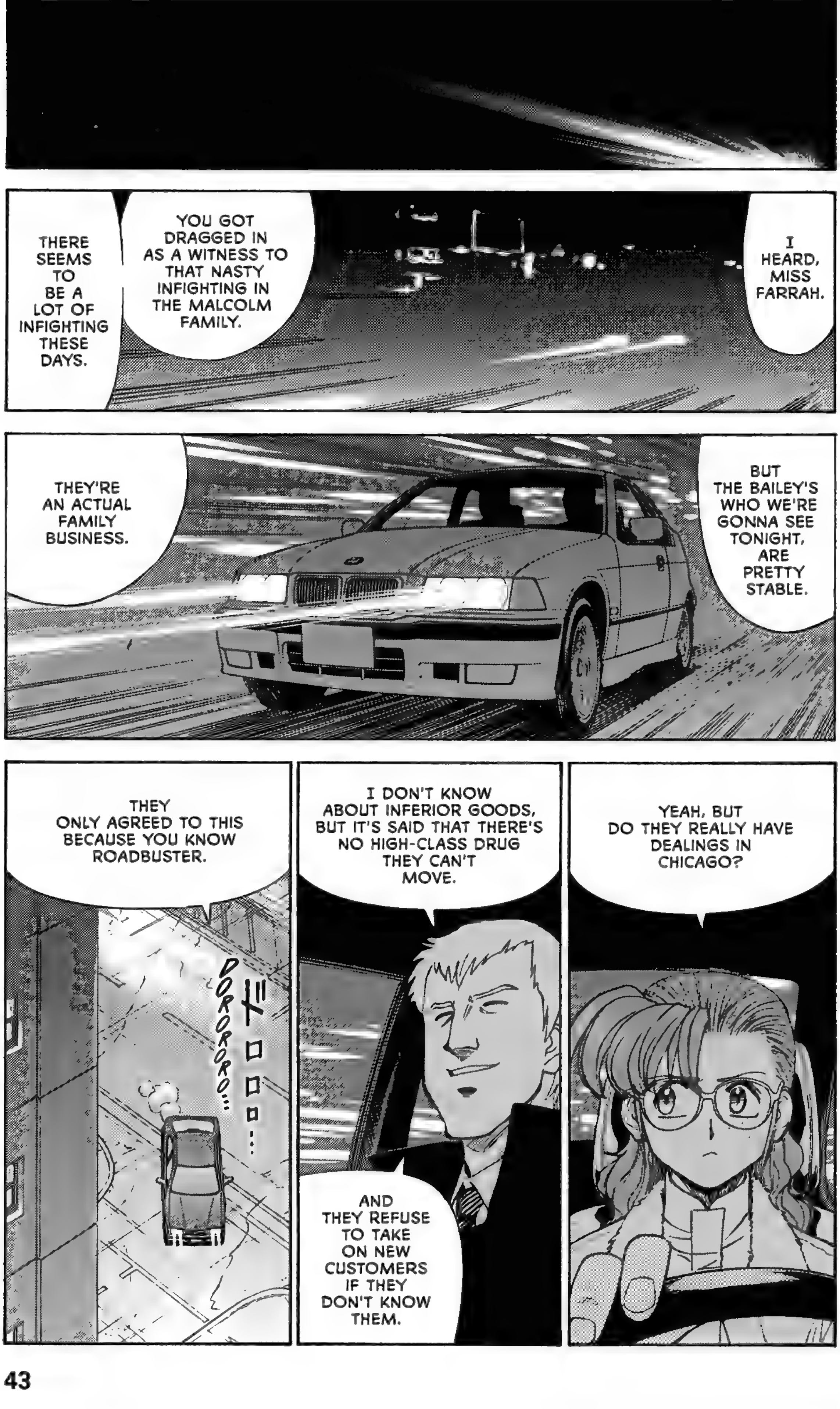
I HEARD, MISS FARRAH.
YOU GOT DRAGGED IN AS A WITNESS TO THAT NASTY INFIGHTING IN THE MALCOLM FAMILY.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF INFIGHTING THESE DAYS.
BUT THE BAILEY'S WHO WE'RE GONNA SEE TONIGHT, ARE PRETTY STABLE.
THEY'RE AN ACTUAL FAMILY BUSINESS.
YEAH, BUT DO THEY REALLY HAVE DEALINGS IN CHICAGO?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT INFERIOR GOODS, BUT IT'S SAID THAT THERE'S NO HIGH-CLASS DRUG THEY CAN'T MOVE.
AND THEY REFUSE TO TAKE ON NEW CUSTOMERS IF THEY DON'T KNOW THEM.
THEY ONLY AGREED TO THIS BECAUSE YOU KNOW ROADBUSTER.
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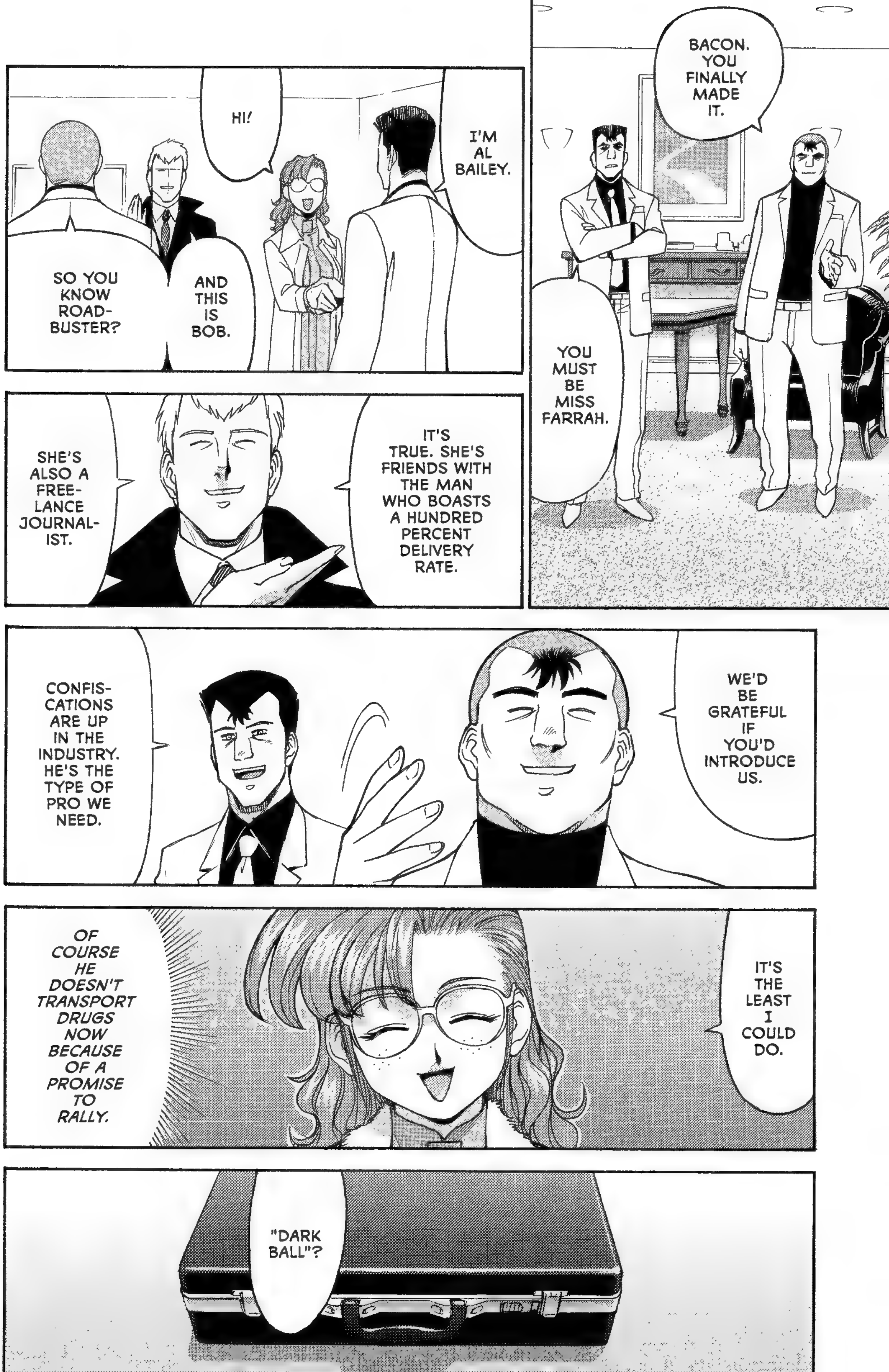
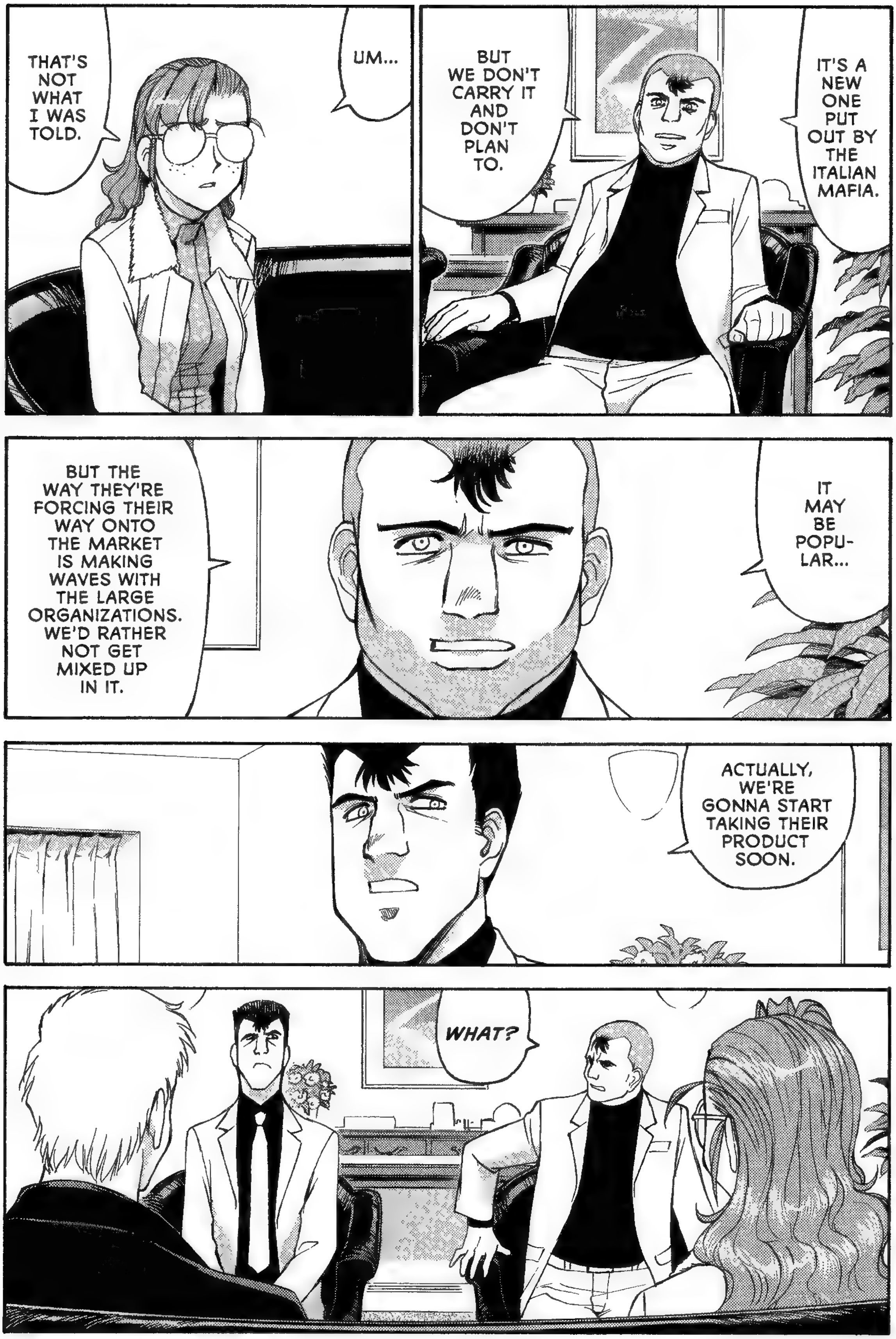
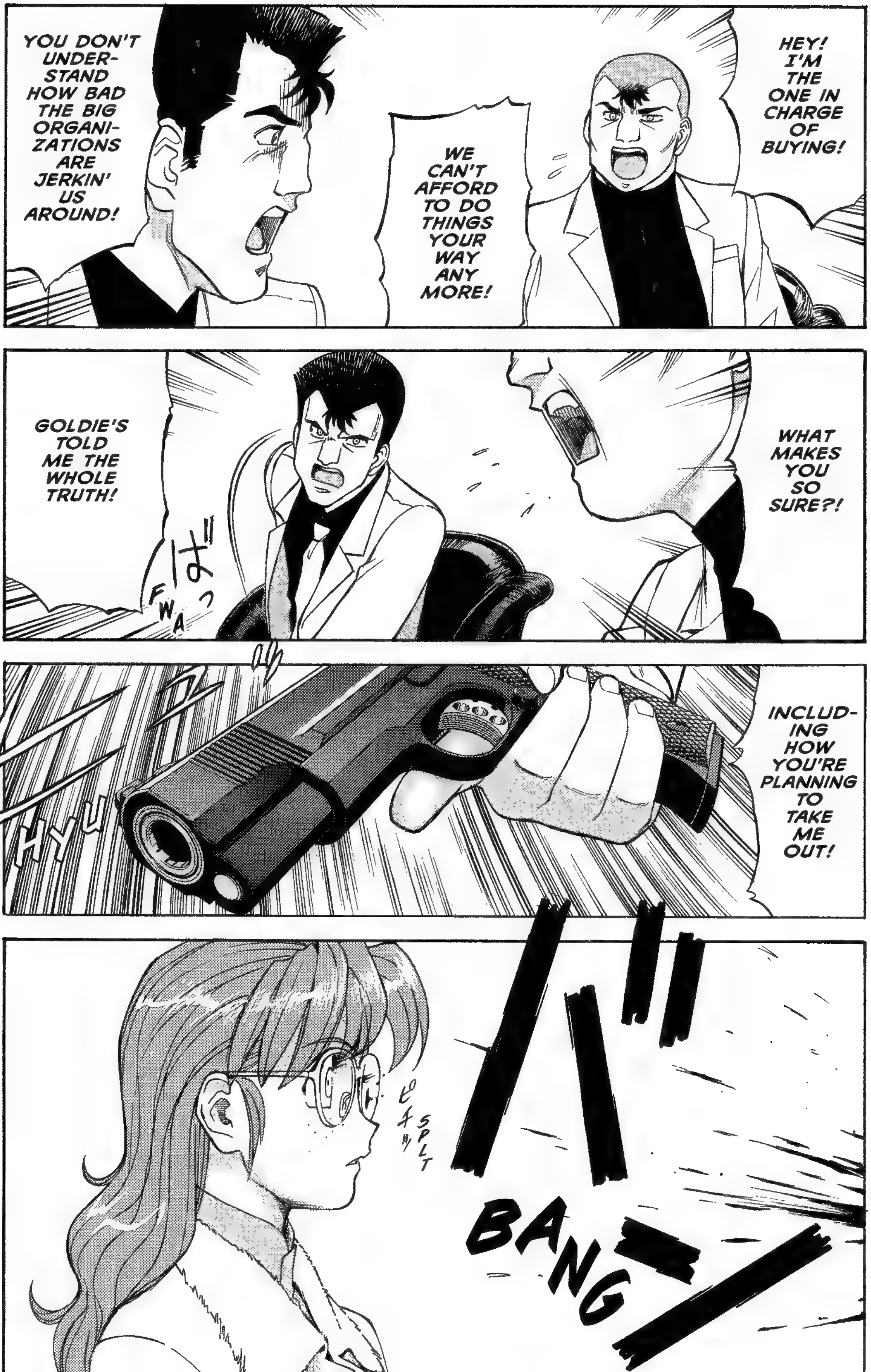

BACON. YOU FINALLY MADE IT.
YOU MUST BE MISS FARRAH.
I'M AL BAILEY.
HI!
AND THIS IS BOB.
SO YOU KNOW ROADBUSTER?
IT'S TRUE. SHE'S FRIENDS WITH THE MAN WHO BOASTS A HUNDRED PERCENT DELIVERY RATE.
SHE'S ALSO A FREELANCE JOURNALIST.
WE'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU'D INTRODUCE US.
CONFISCATIONS ARE UP IN THE INDUSTRY. HE'S THE TYPE OF PRO WE NEED.
IT'S THE LEAST I COULD DO.
OF COURSE HE DOESN'T TRANSPORT DRUGS NOW BECAUSE OF A PROMISE TO RALLY.
"DARK BALL"?


IT'S A NEW ONE PUT OUT BY THE ITALIAN MAFIA.
BUT WE DON'T CARRY IT AND DON'T PLAN TO.
UM...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TOLD.
IT MAY BE POPULAR...
BUT THE WAY THEY'RE FORCING THEIR WAY ONTO THE MARKET IS MAKING WAVES WITH THE LARGE ORGANIZATIONS. WE'D RATHER NOT GET MIXED UP IN IT.
ACTUALLY, WE'RE GONNA START TAKING THEIR PRODUCT SOON.
WHAT?


HEY! I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF BUYING!
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THINGS YOUR WAY ANY MORE!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW BAD THE BIG ORGANIZATIONS ARE JERKIN' US AROUND!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?!
GOLDIE'S TOLD ME THE WHOLE TRUTH!
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INCLUDING HOW YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE ME OUT!
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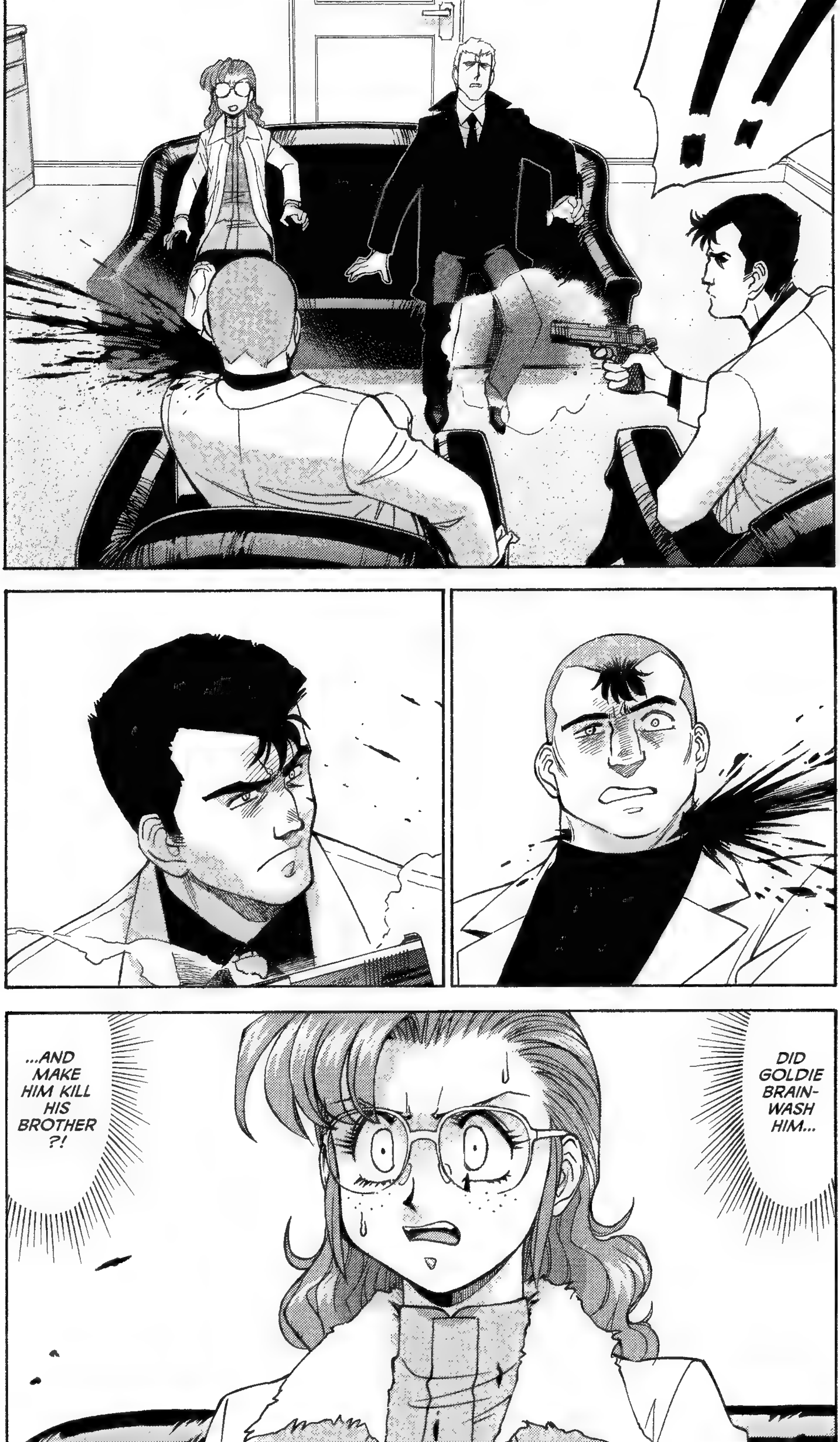
CHAPTER 42

DRUG TRAFFICKING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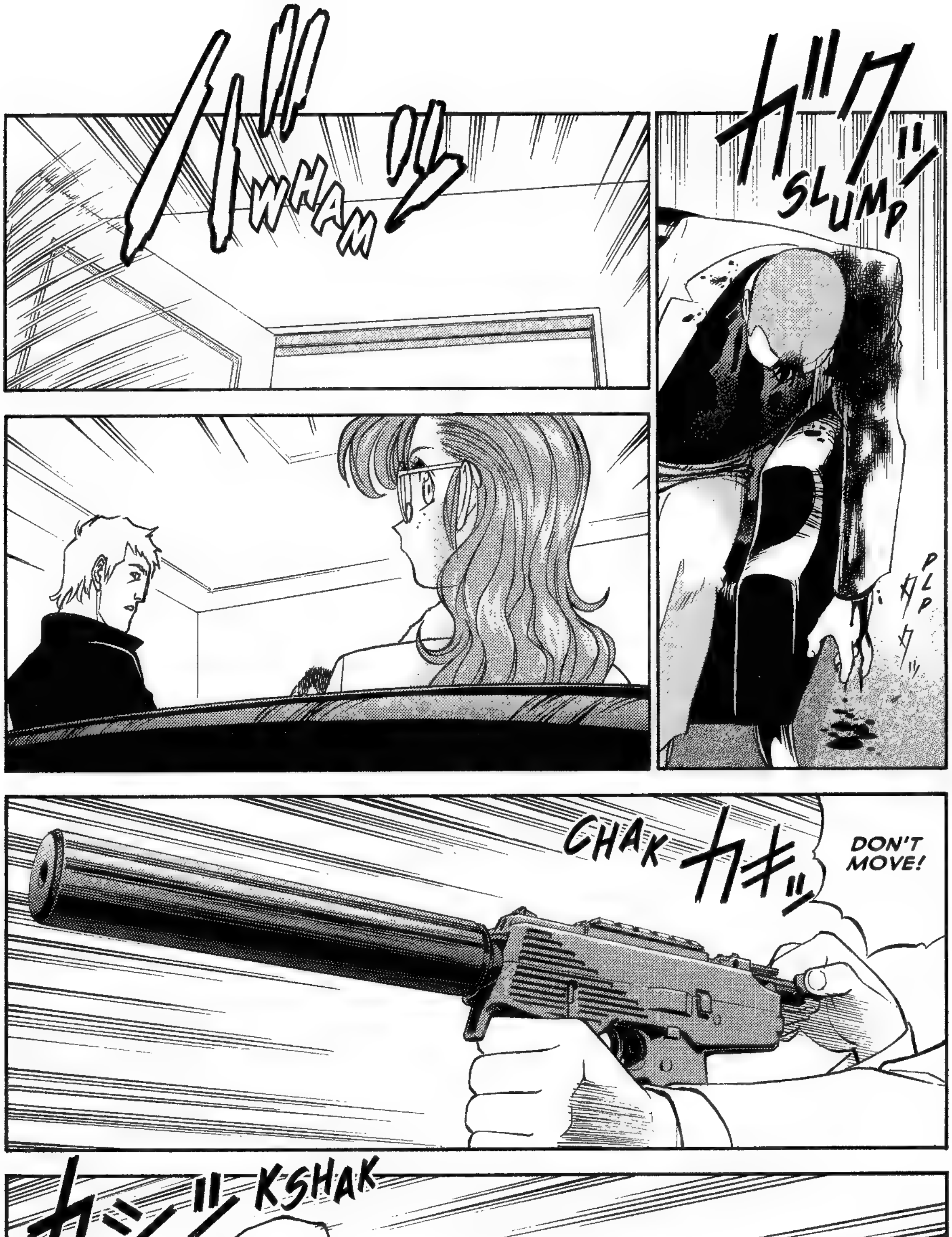
DID GOLDIE BRAIN-WASH HIM...
...AND MAKE HIM KILL HIS BROTHER?!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DON'T MOVE!
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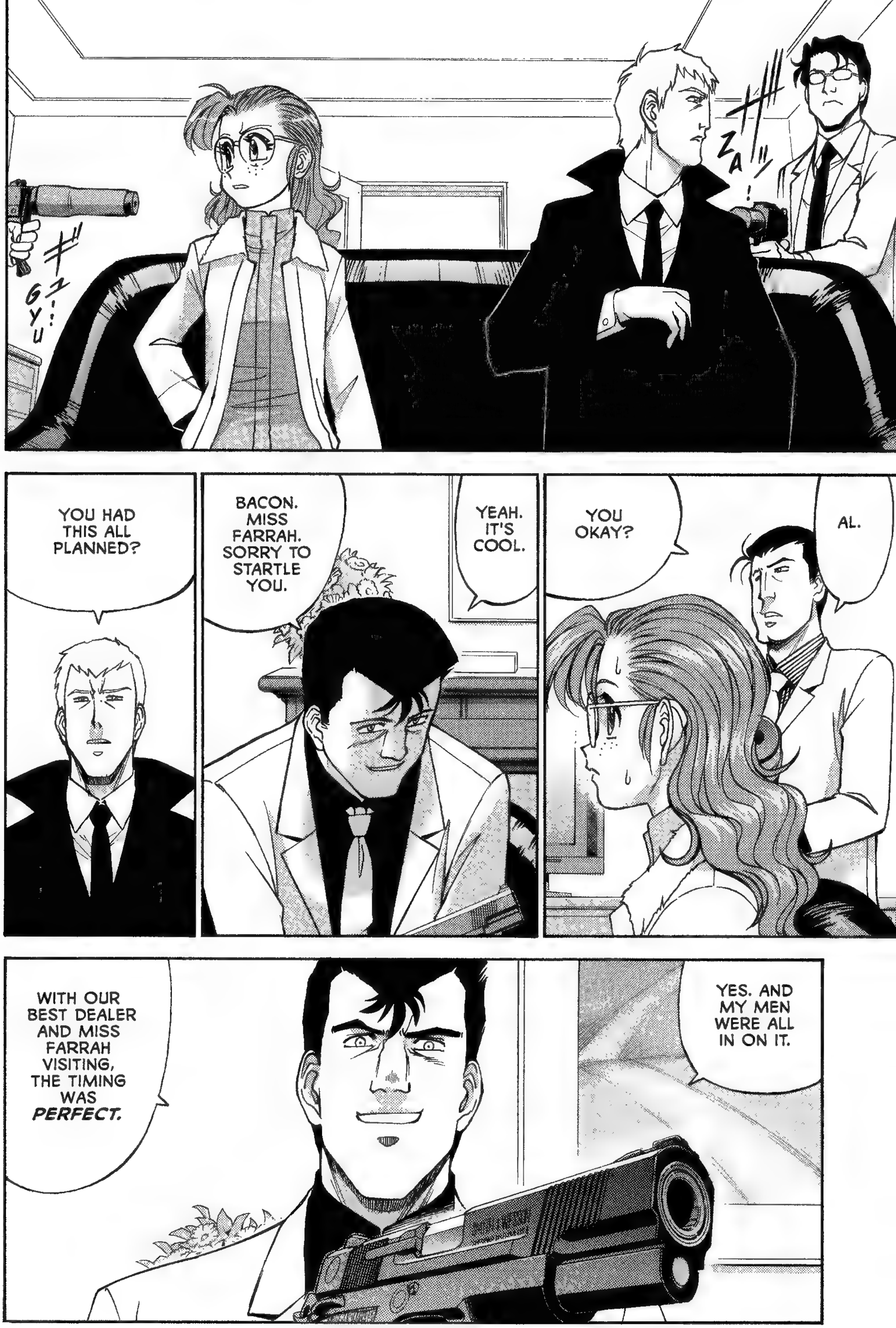
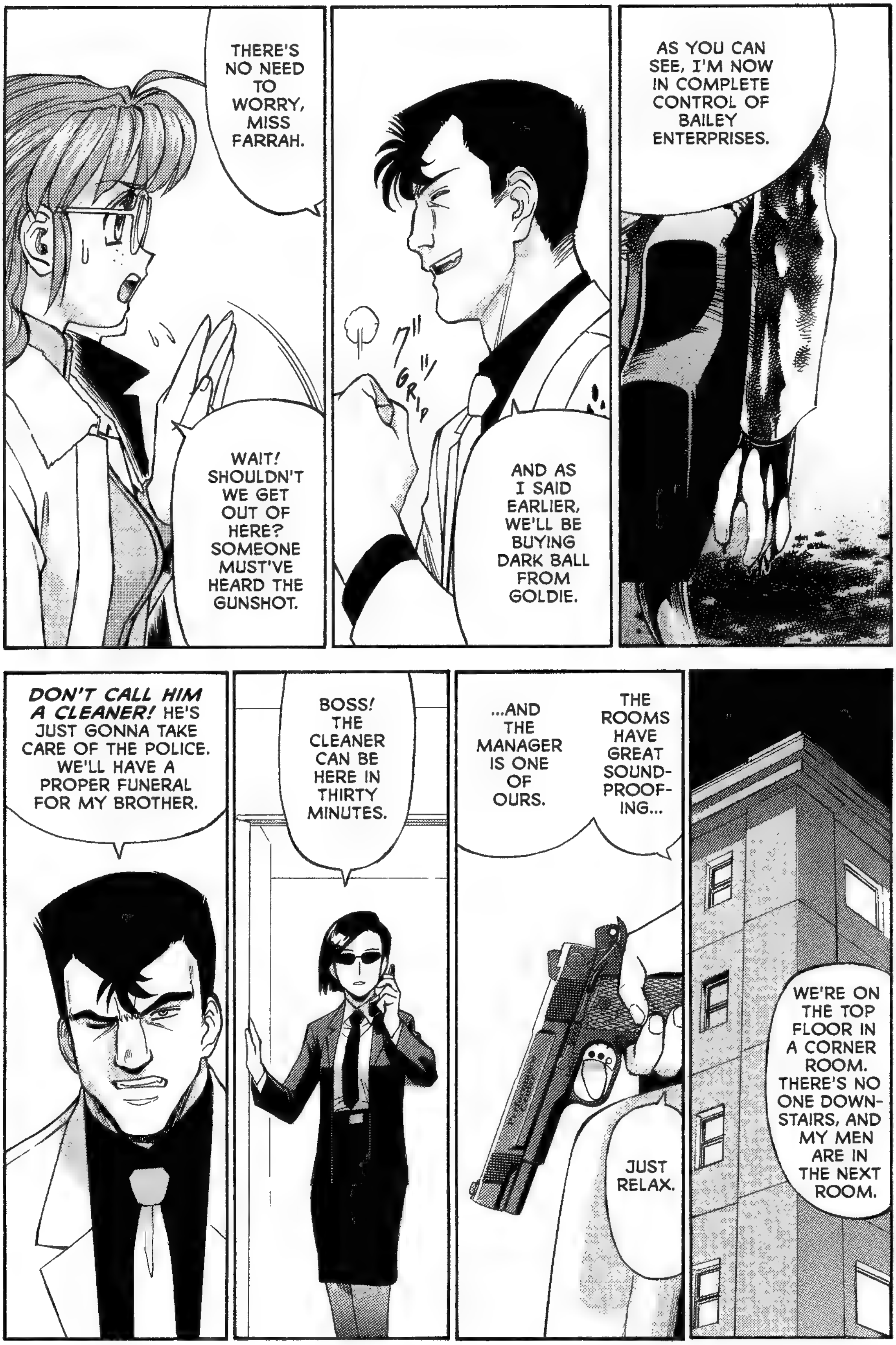
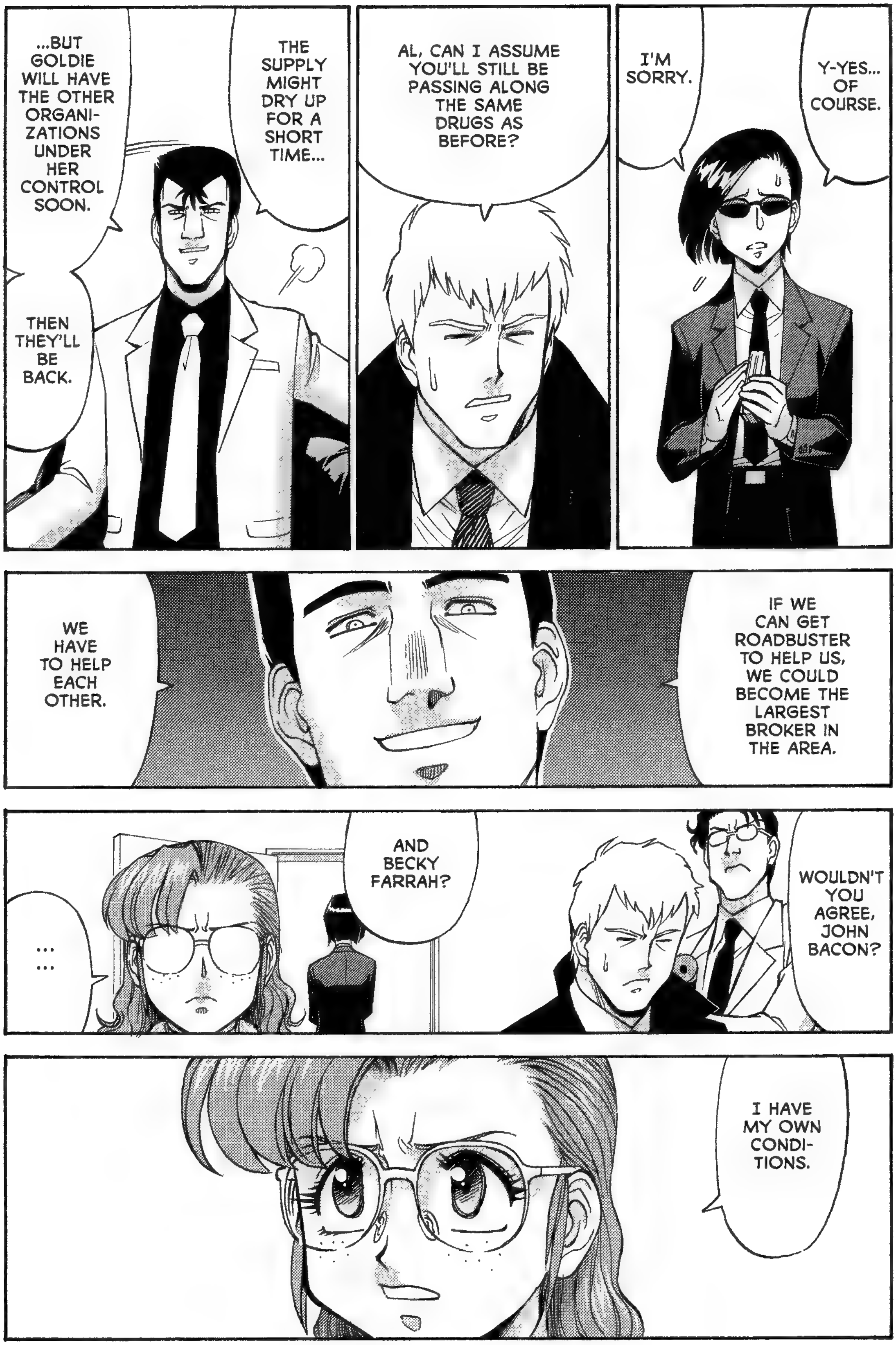

ZA!!
GYU!!
AL.
YOU OKAY?
YEAH. IT'S COOL.
BACON. MISS FARRAH. SORRY TO STARTLE YOU.
YOU HAD THIS ALL PLANNED?
YES. AND MY MEN WERE ALL IN ON IT.
WITH OUR BEST DEALER AND MISS FARRAH VISITING, THE TIMING WAS *PERFECT.*


AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF BAILEY ENTERPRISES.
AND AS I SAID EARLIER, WE'LL BE BUYING DARK BALL FROM GOLDIE.
GRIP
WAIT! SHOULDN'T WE GET OUT OF HERE? SOMEONE MUST'VE HEARD THE GUNSHOT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, MISS FARRAH.
WE'RE ON THE TOP FLOOR IN A CORNER ROOM. THERE'S NO ONE DOWNSTAIRS, AND MY MEN ARE IN THE NEXT ROOM.
THE ROOMS HAVE GREAT SOUNDPROOFING...
...AND THE MANAGER IS ONE OF OURS.
JUST RELAX.
BOSS! THE CLEANER CAN BE HERE IN THIRTY MINUTES.
DON'T CALL HIM A CLEANER! HE'S JUST GONNA TAKE CARE OF THE POLICE. WE'LL HAVE A PROPER FUNERAL FOR MY BROTHER.


Y-YES... OF COURSE.
I'M SORRY.
AL, CAN I ASSUME YOU'LL STILL BE PASSING ALONG THE SAME DRUGS AS BEFORE?
THE SUPPLY MIGHT DRY UP FOR A SHORT TIME...
...BUT GOLDIE WILL HAVE THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS UNDER HER CONTROL SOON.
THEN THEY'LL BE BACK.
IF WE CAN GET ROADBUSTER TO HELP US, WE COULD BECOME THE LARGEST BROKER IN THE AREA.
WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER.
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, JOHN BACON?
AND BECKY FARRAH?
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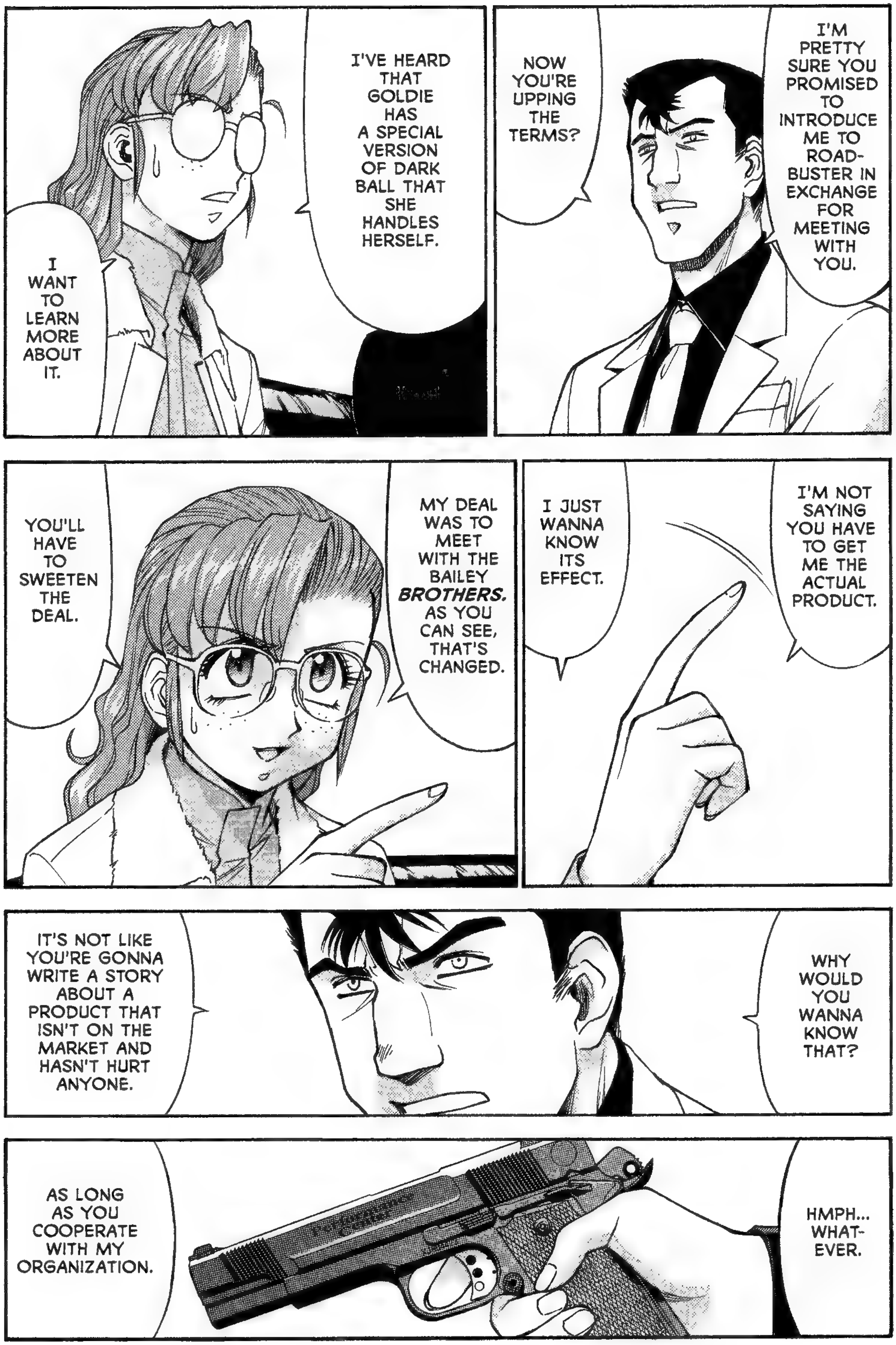
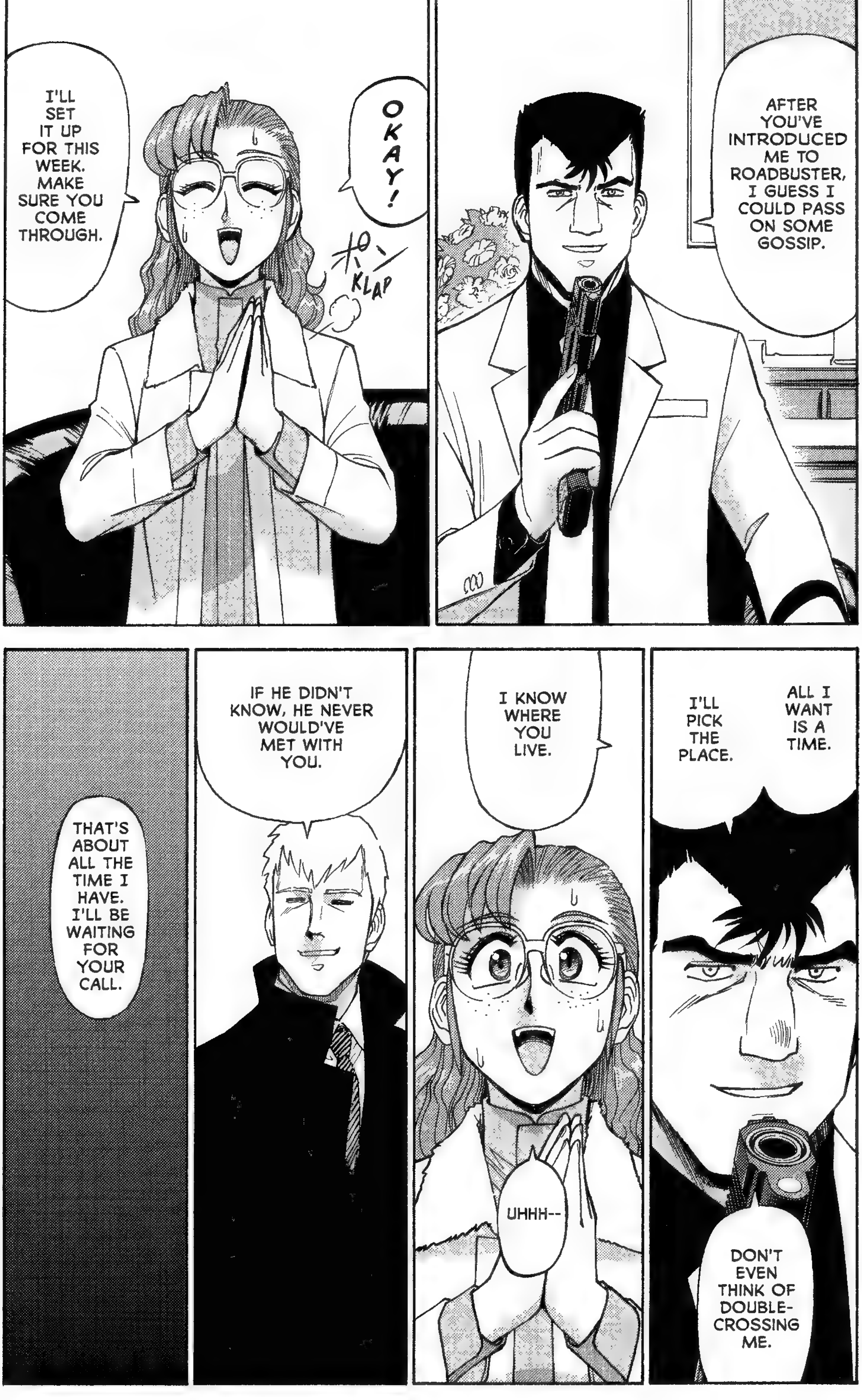
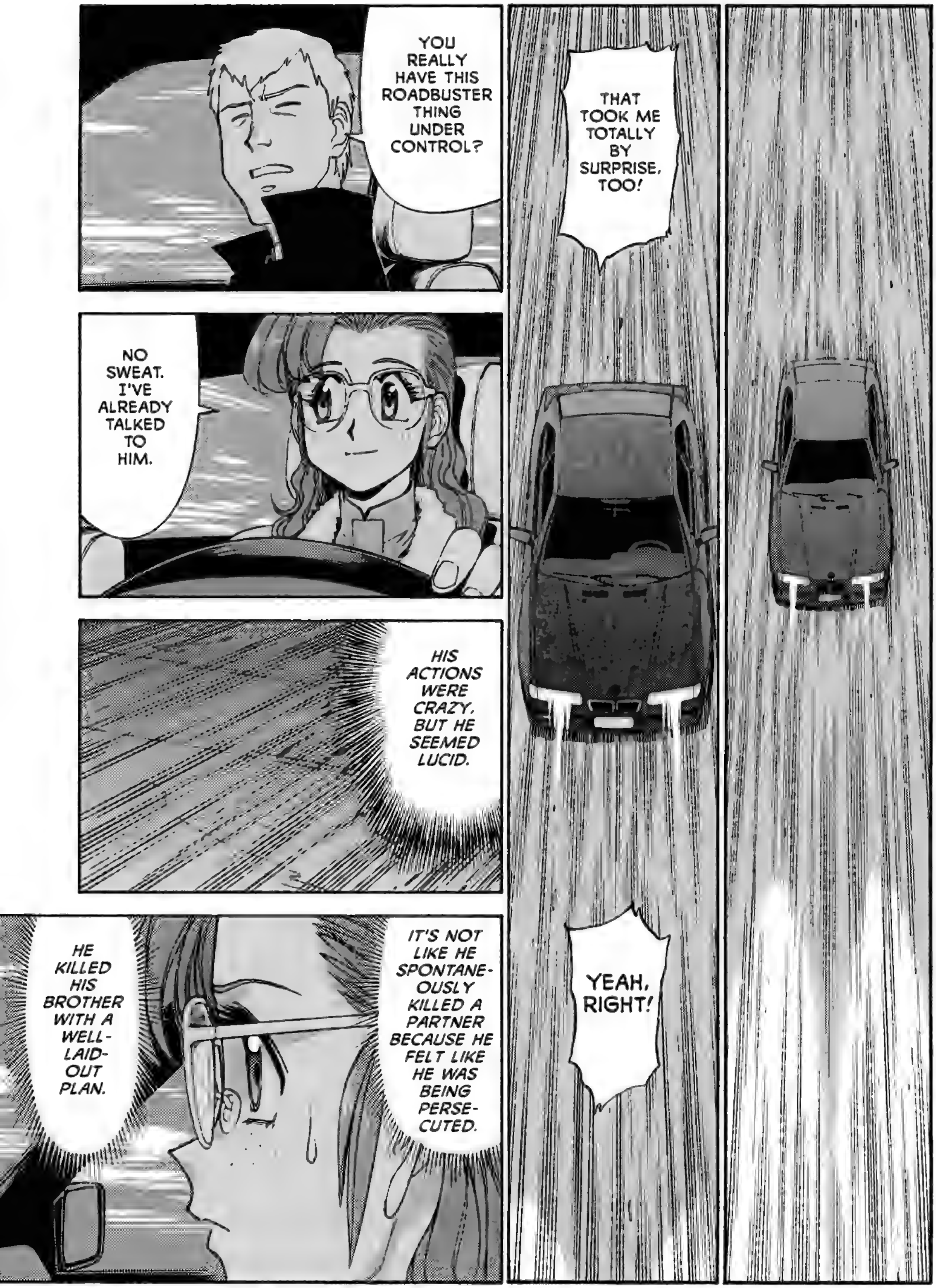
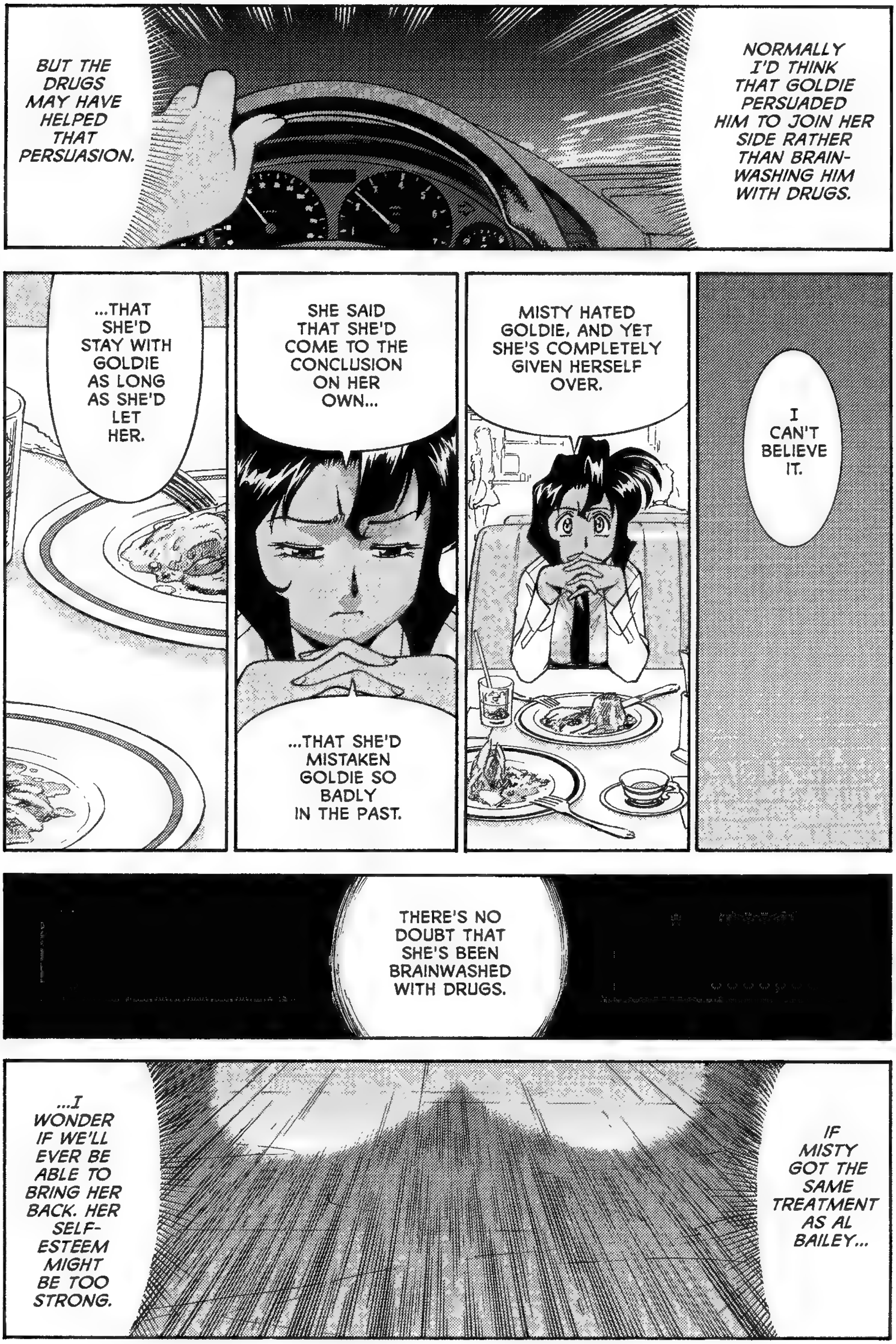
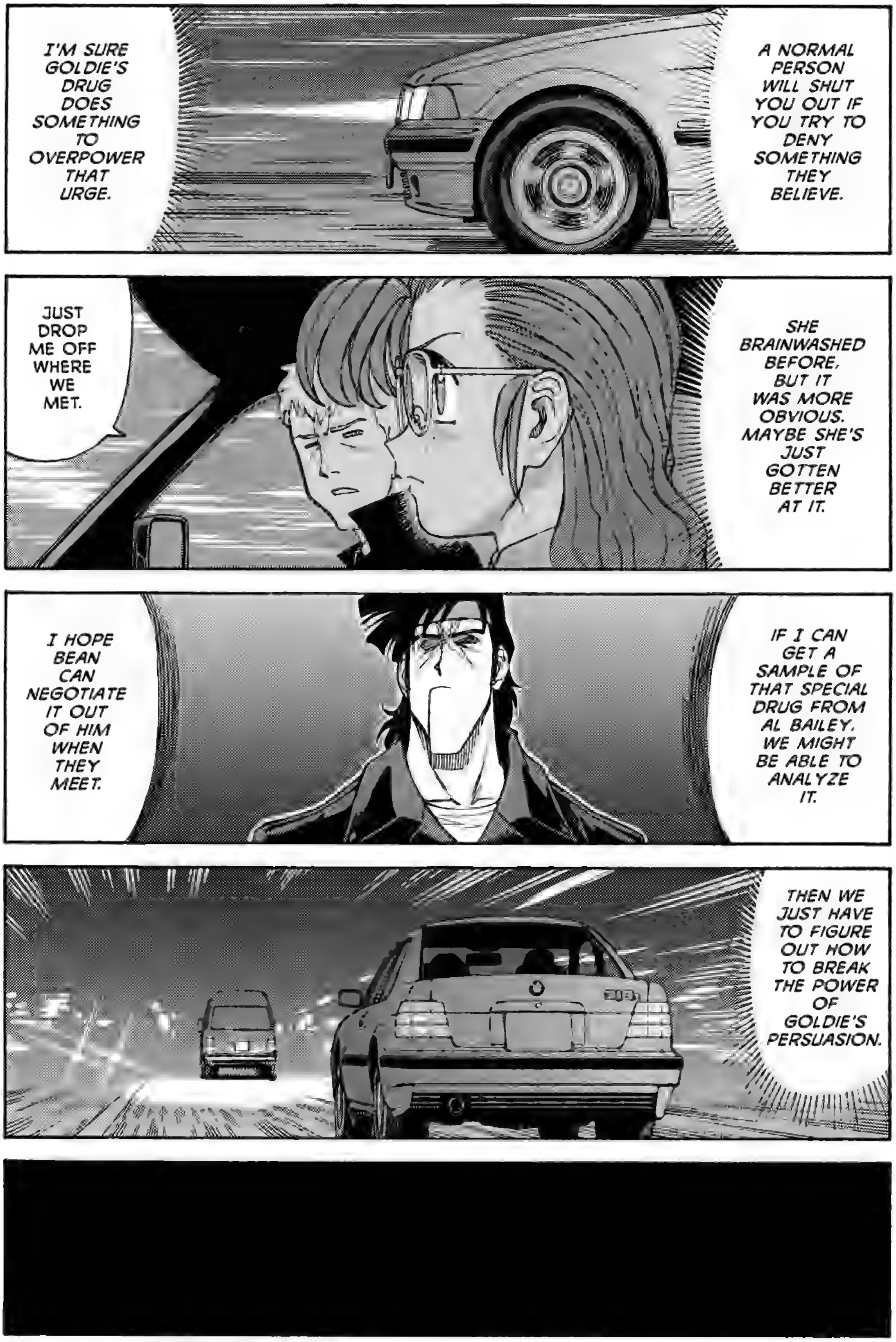
I HAVE MY OWN CONDITIONS.

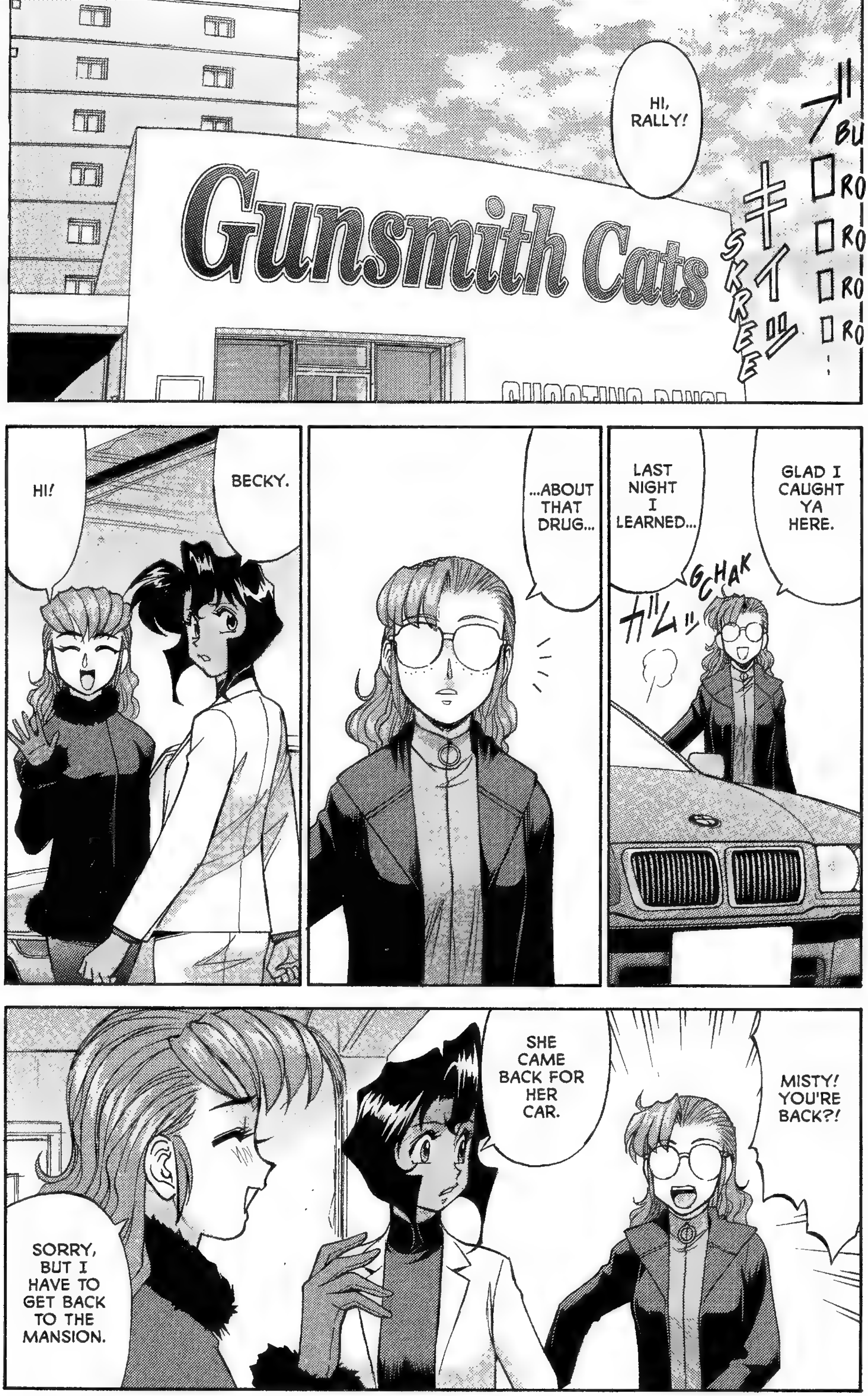

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU PROMISED TO INTRODUCE ME TO ROAD-BUSTER IN EXCHANGE FOR MEETING WITH YOU.
NOW YOU'RE UPPING THE TERMS?
I'VE HEARD THAT GOLDIE HAS A SPECIAL VERSION OF DARK BALL THAT SHE HANDLES HERSELF.
I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT IT.
I'M NOT SAYING YOU HAVE TO GET ME THE ACTUAL PRODUCT.
I JUST WANNA KNOW ITS EFFECT.
MY DEAL WAS TO MEET WITH THE BAILEY ***BROTHERS.*** AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT'S CHANGED.
YOU'LL HAVE TO SWEETEN THE DEAL.
WHY WOULD YOU WANNA KNOW THAT?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA WRITE A STORY ABOUT A PRODUCT THAT ISN'T ON THE MARKET AND HASN'T HURT ANYONE.
HMPH... WHATEVER.
AS LONG AS YOU COOPERATE WITH MY ORGANIZATION.


AFTER YOU'VE INTRODUCED ME TO ROADBUSTER, I GUESS I COULD PASS ON SOME GOSSIP.
OKAY!
KLAP
I'LL SET IT UP FOR THIS WEEK. MAKE SURE YOU COME THROUGH.
ALL I WANT IS A TIME.
I'LL PICK THE PLACE.
DON'T EVEN THINK OF DOUBLE-CROSSING ME.
I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.
UHHH--
IF HE DIDN'T KNOW, HE NEVER WOULD'VE MET WITH YOU.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL THE TIME I HAVE. I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR CALL.


THAT TOOK ME TOTALLY BY SURPRISE, TOO!
YEAH, RIGHT!
YOU REALLY HAVE THIS ROADBUSTER THING UNDER CONTROL?
NO SWEAT. I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIM.
HIS ACTIONS WERE CRAZY, BUT HE SEEMED LUCID.
IT'S NOT LIKE HE SPONTANEOUSLY KILLED A PARTNER BECAUSE HE FELT LIKE HE WAS BEING PERSECUTED.
HE KILLED HIS BROTHER WITH A WELL-LAID-OUT PLAN.


NORMALLY I'D THINK THAT GOLDIE PERSUADED HIM TO JOIN HER SIDE RATHER THAN BRAINWASHING HIM WITH DRUGS.
BUT THE DRUGS MAY HAVE HELPED THAT PERSUASION.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
MISTY HATED GOLDIE, AND YET SHE'S COMPLETELY GIVEN HERSELF OVER.
SHE SAID THAT SHE'D COME TO THE CONCLUSION ON HER OWN...
...THAT SHE'D MISTAKEN GOLDIE SO BADLY IN THE PAST.
...THAT SHE'D STAY WITH GOLDIE AS LONG AS SHE'D LET HER.
THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SHE'S BEEN BRAINWASHED WITH DRUGS.
IF MISTY GOT THE SAME TREATMENT AS AL BAILEY...
...I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO BRING HER BACK. HER SELF-ESTEEM MIGHT BE TOO STRONG.


A NORMAL PERSON WILL SHUT YOU OUT IF YOU TRY TO DENY SOMETHING THEY BELIEVE.
I'M SURE GOLDIE'S DRUG DOES SOMETHING TO OVERPOWER THAT URGE.
SHE BRAINWASHED BEFORE, BUT IT WAS MORE OBVIOUS. MAYBE SHE'S JUST GOTTEN BETTER AT IT.
JUST DROP ME OFF WHERE WE MET.
IF I CAN GET A SAMPLE OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG FROM AL BAILEY, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANALYZE IT.
I HOPE BEAN CAN NEGOTIATE IT OUT OF HIM WHEN THEY MEET.
THEN WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BREAK THE POWER OF GOLDIE'S PERSUASION.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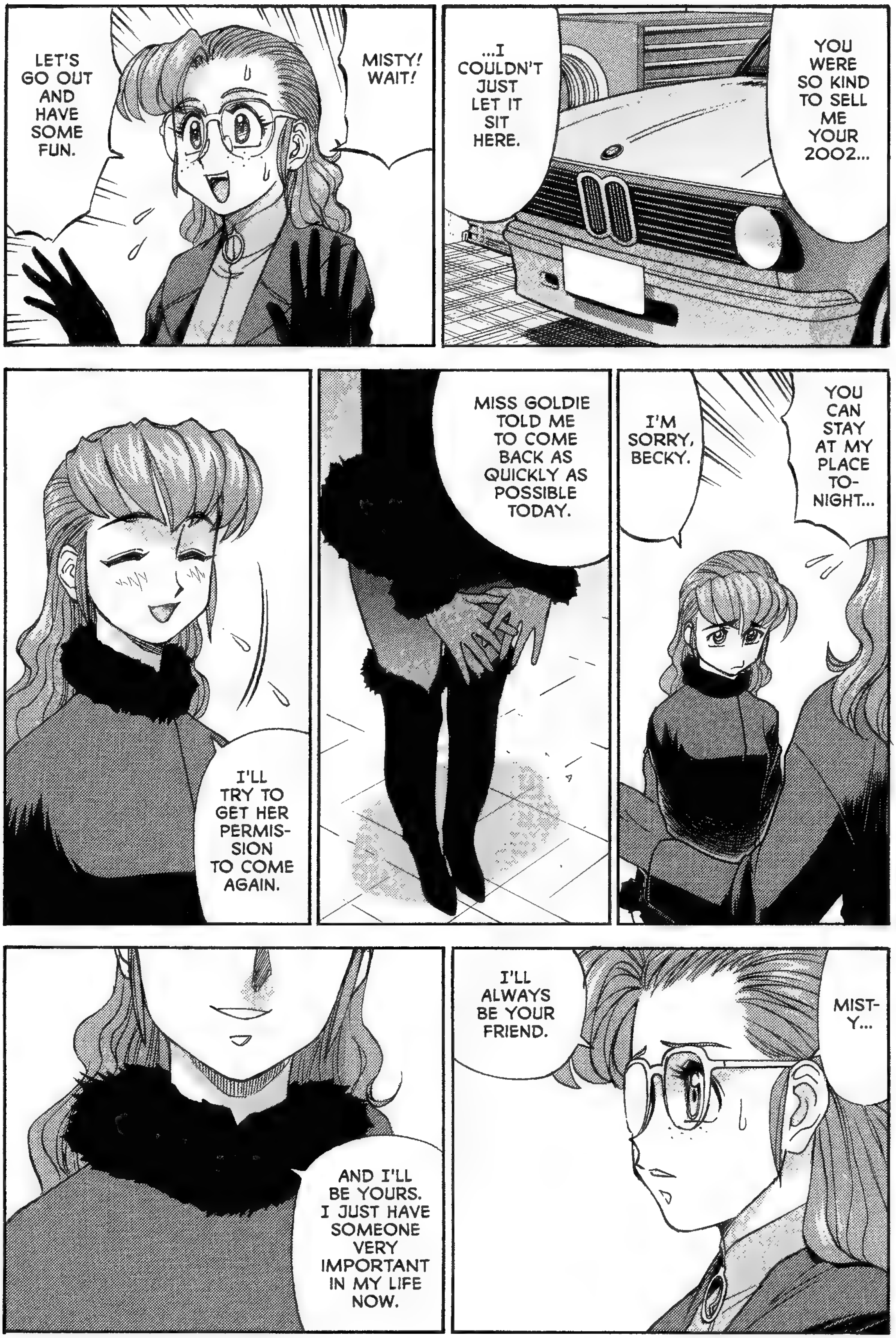
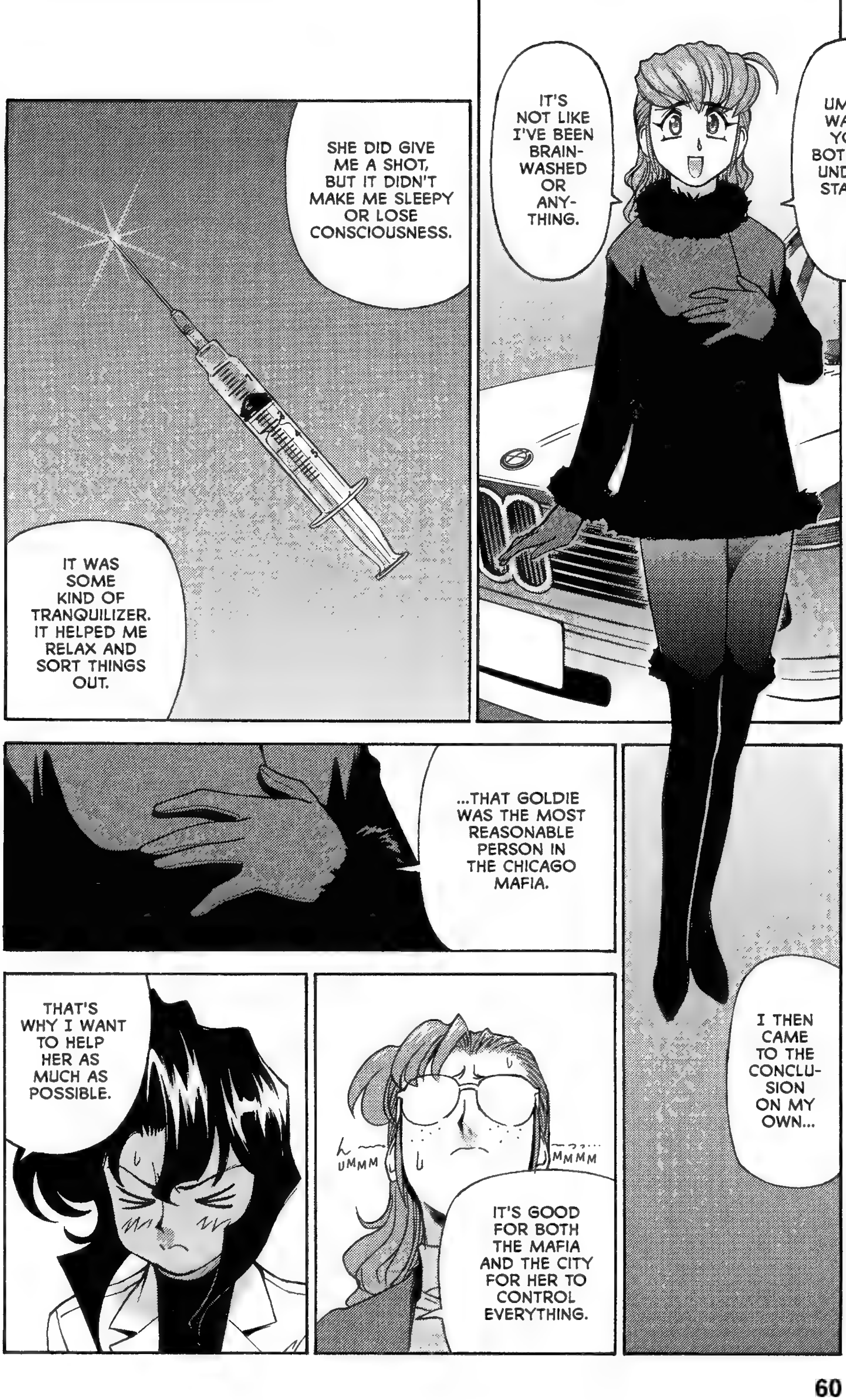
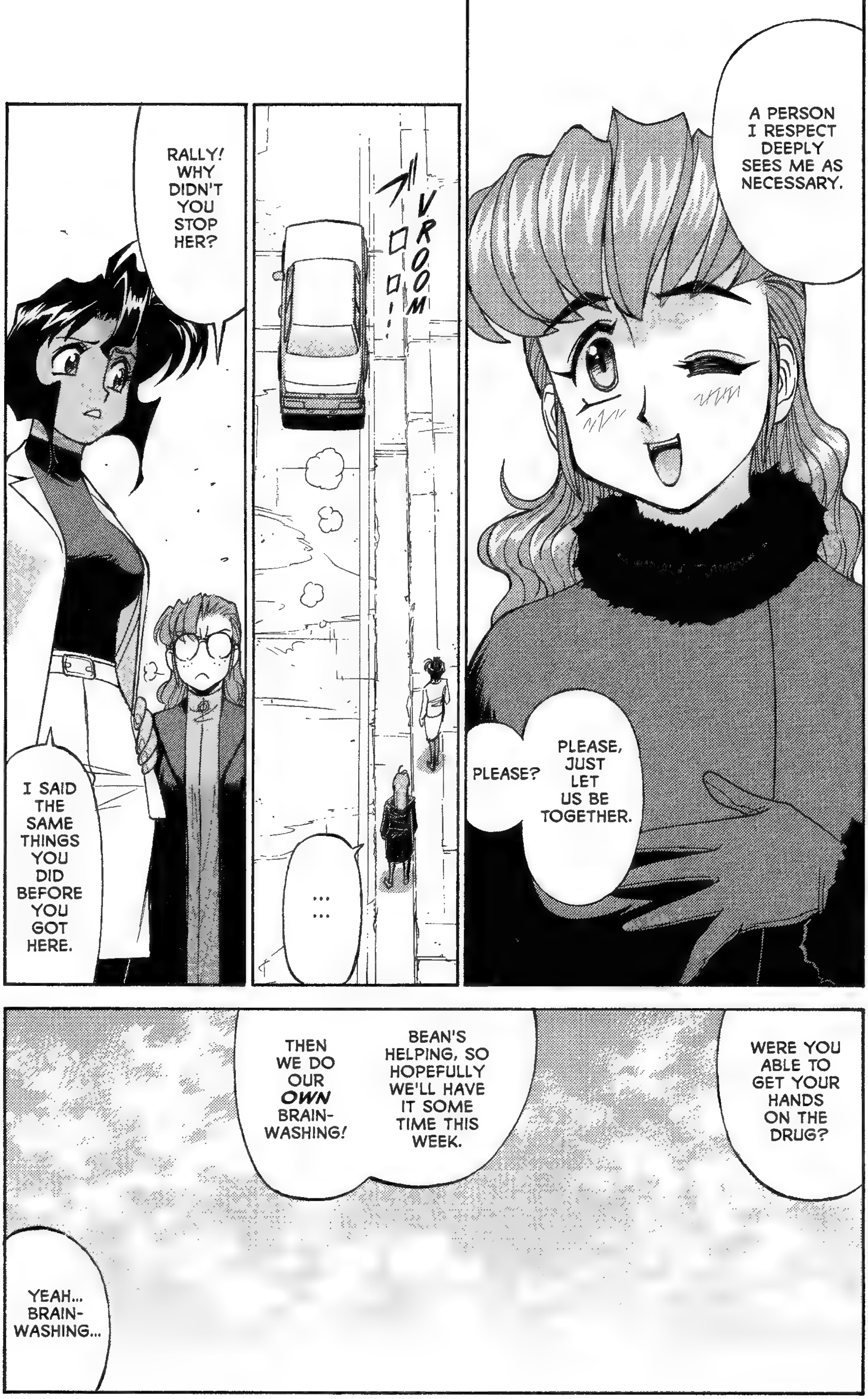
HI, RALLY!
Gunsmith Cats
GLAD I CAUGHT YA HERE.
LAST NIGHT I LEARNED...
ガムッ GCHAK
...ABOUT THAT DRUG...
BECKY.
HI!
MISTY! YOU'RE BACK?!
SHE CAME BACK FOR HER CAR.
SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE MANSION.


YOU WERE SO KIND TO SELL ME YOUR 2002...
...I COULDN'T JUST LET IT SIT HERE.
MISTY! WAIT!
LET'S GO OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN.
YOU CAN STAY AT MY PLACE TONIGHT...
I'M SORRY, BECKY.
MISS GOLDIE TOLD ME TO COME BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TODAY.
I'LL TRY TO GET HER PERMISSION TO COME AGAIN.
MISTY...
I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND.
AND I'LL BE YOURS. I JUST HAVE SOMEONE VERY IMPORTANT IN MY LIFE NOW.


UM...I WANT YOU BOTH TO UNDERSTAND.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN BRAINWASHED OR ANYTHING.
SHE DID GIVE ME A SHOT, BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE ME SLEEPY OR LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.
IT WAS SOME KIND OF TRANQUILIZER. IT HELPED ME RELAX AND SORT THINGS OUT.
I THEN CAME TO THE CONCLUSION ON MY OWN...
...THAT GOLDIE WAS THE MOST REASONABLE PERSON IN THE CHICAGO MAFIA.
MMMM
UMMM
IT'S GOOD FOR BOTH THE MAFIA AND THE CITY FOR HER TO CONTROL EVERYTHING.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP HER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.


A PERSON I RESPECT DEEPLY SEES ME AS NECESSARY.
PLEASE, JUST LET US BE TOGETHER.
PLEASE?
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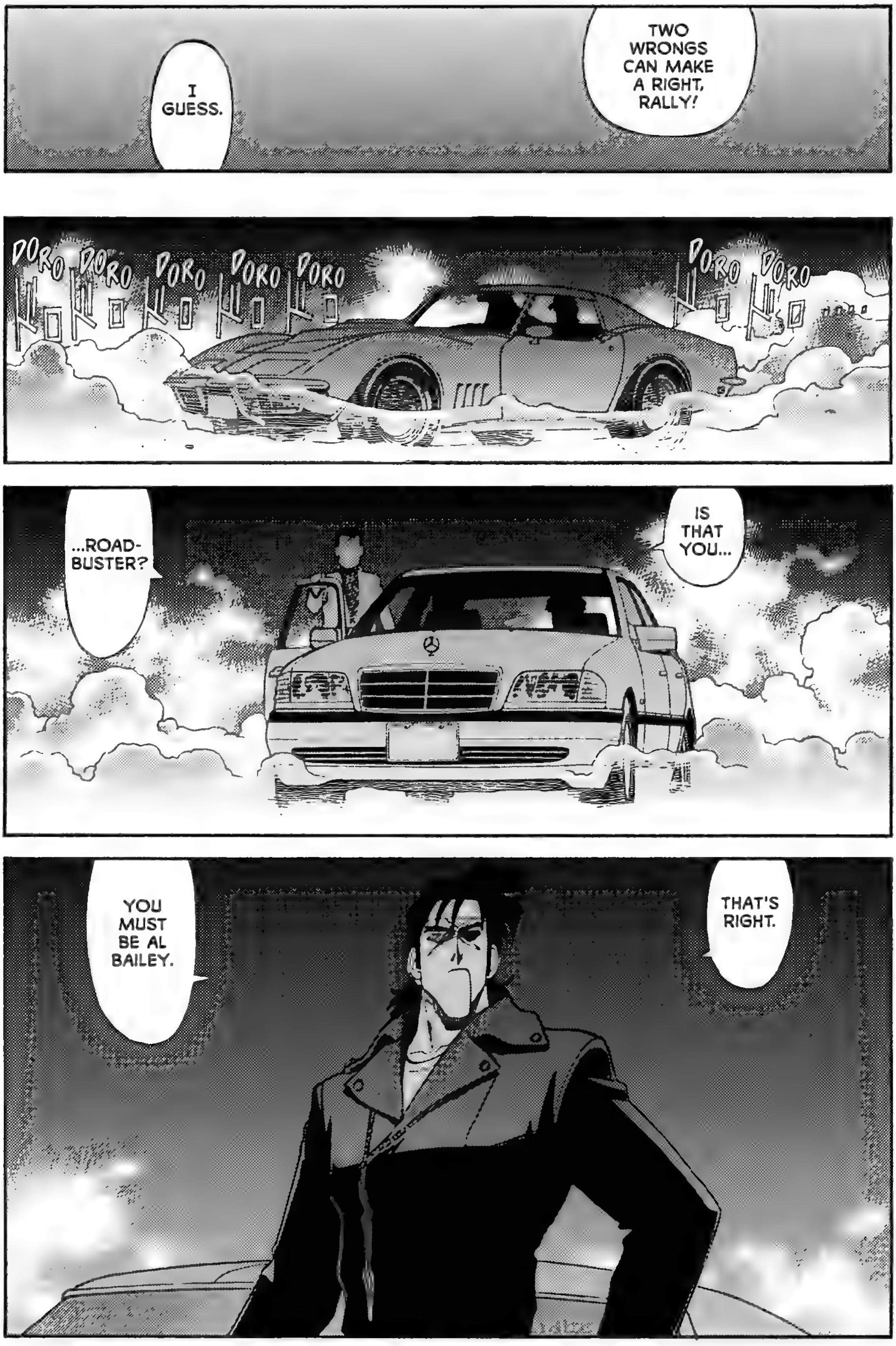
VROOM
......
RALLY! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HER?
I SAID THE SAME THINGS YOU DID BEFORE YOU GOT HERE.
WERE YOU ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THE DRUG?
BEAN'S HELPING, SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE IT SOME TIME THIS WEEK.
THEN WE DO OUR *OWN* BRAIN-WASHING!
YEAH... BRAIN-WASHING...


TWO WRONGS CAN MAKE A RIGHT, RALLY!
I GUESS.
DORO DORO
DORO DORO DORO DORO DORO
IS THAT YOU...
...ROAD-BUSTER?
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU MUST BE AL BAILEY.

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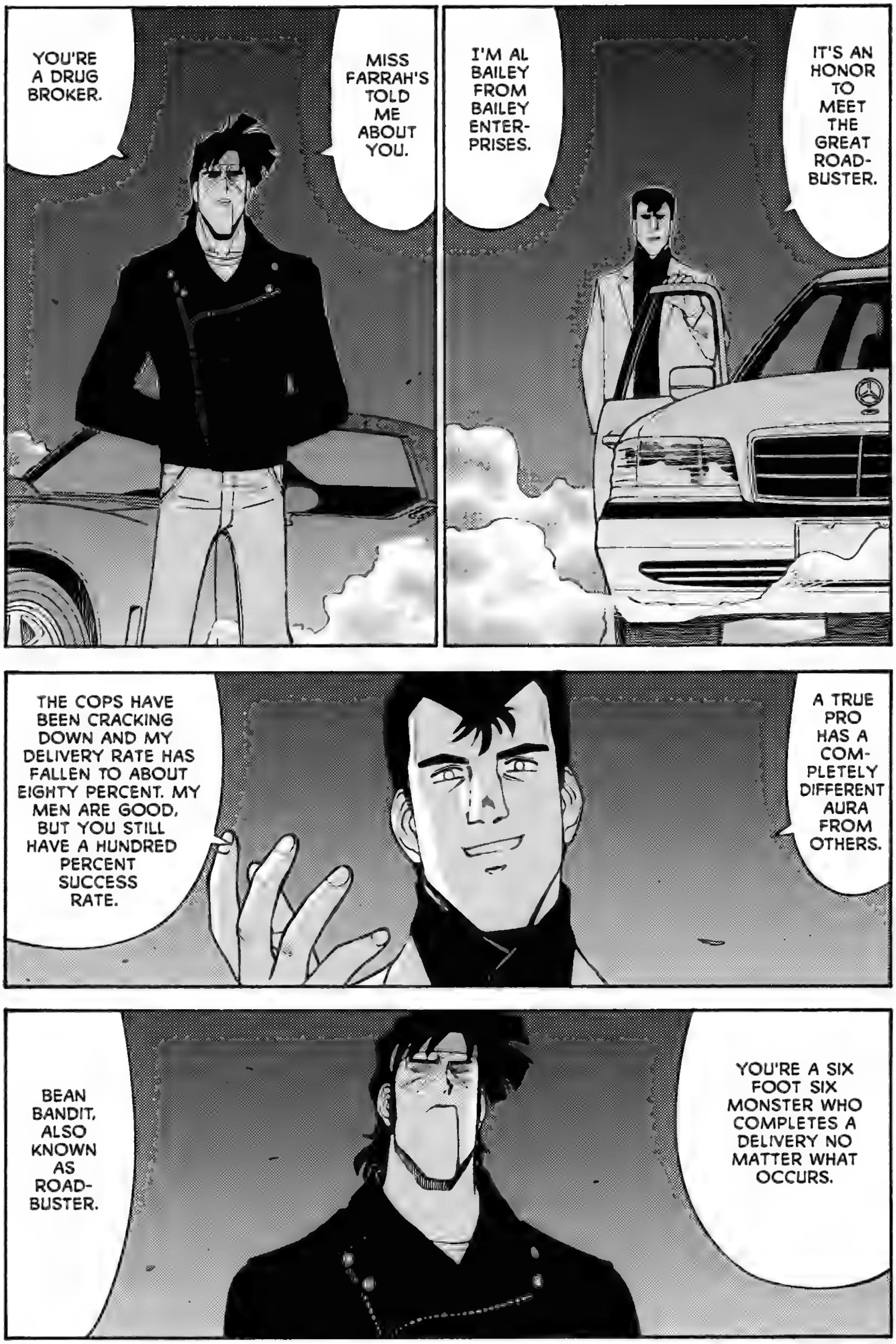
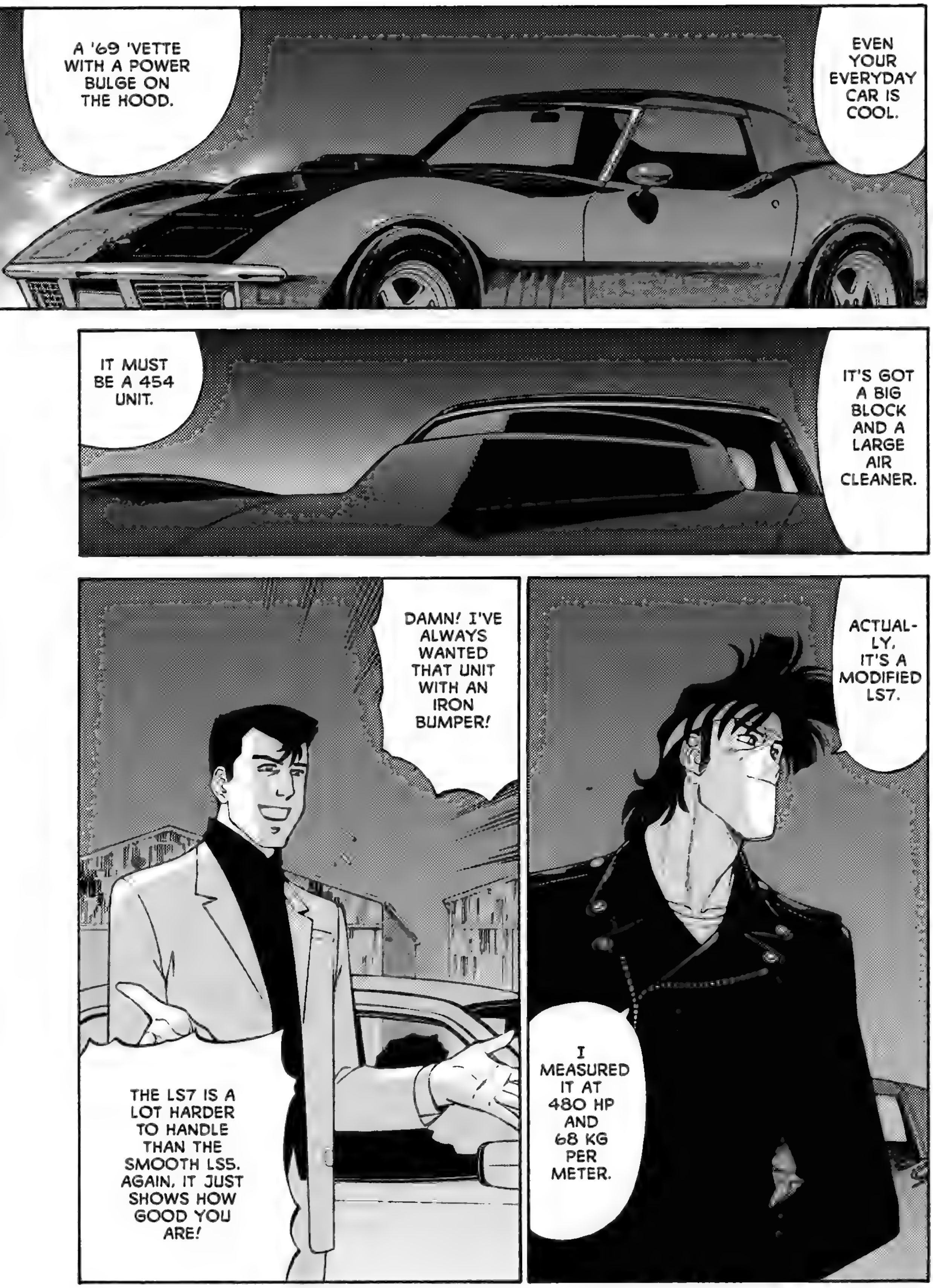
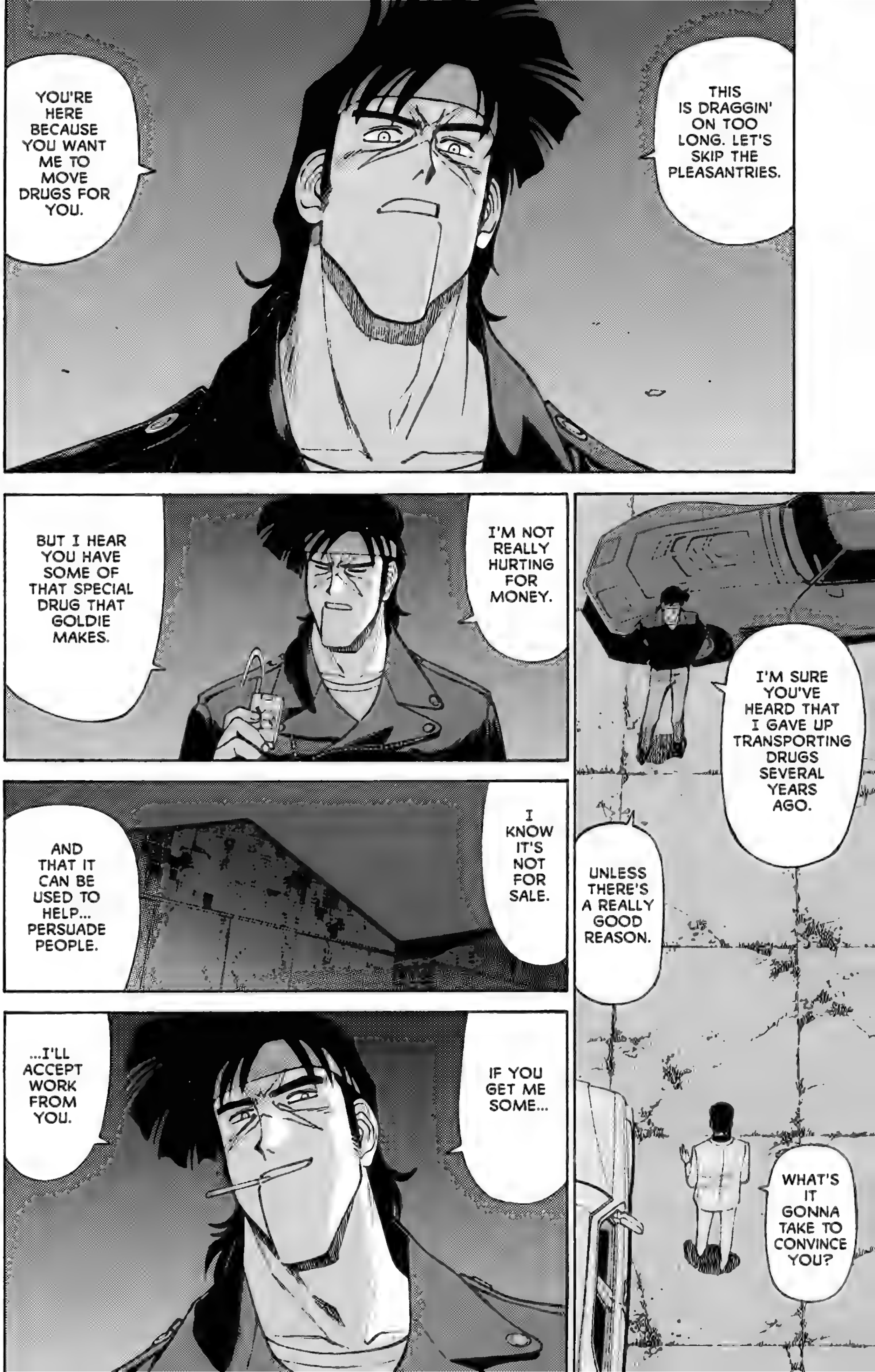
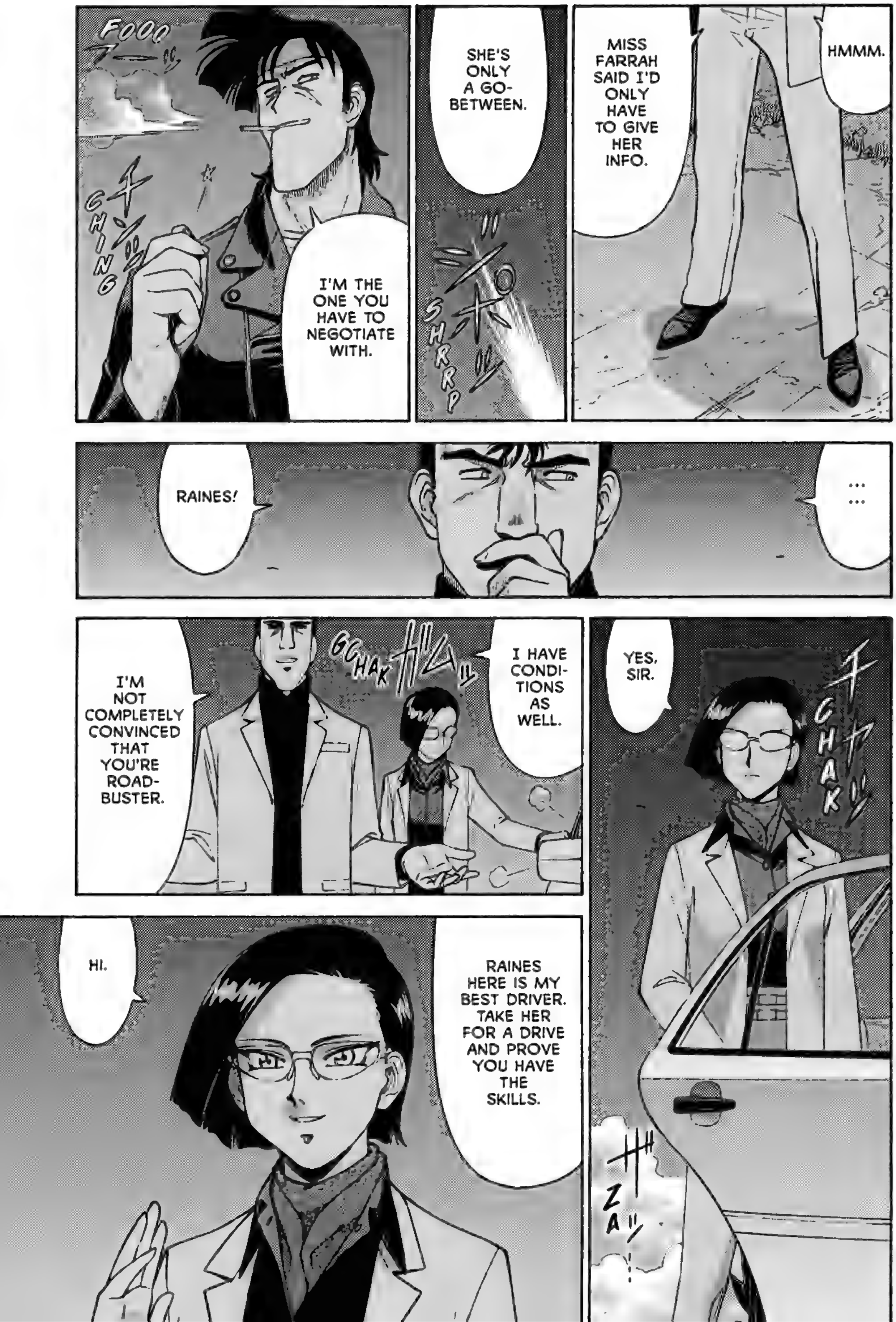
CHAPTER 43

ANYTHING BUT DRUGS


IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET THE GREAT ROAD-BUSTER.
I'M AL BAILEY FROM BAILEY ENTERPRISES.
MISS FARRAH'S TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.
YOU'RE A DRUG BROKER.
A TRUE PRO HAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AURA FROM OTHERS.
THE COPS HAVE BEEN CRACKING DOWN AND MY DELIVERY RATE HAS FALLEN TO ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT. MY MEN ARE GOOD, BUT YOU STILL HAVE A HUNDRED PERCENT SUCCESS RATE.
YOU'RE A SIX FOOT SIX MONSTER WHO COMPLETES A DELIVERY NO MATTER WHAT OCCURS.
BEAN BANDIT, ALSO KNOWN AS ROAD-BUSTER.


EVEN YOUR EVERYDAY CAR IS COOL.
A '69 'VETTE WITH A POWER BULGE ON THE HOOD.
IT'S GOT A BIG BLOCK AND A LARGE AIR CLEANER.
IT MUST BE A 454 UNIT.
ACTUALLY, IT'S A MODIFIED LS7.
I MEASURED IT AT 480 HP AND 68 KG PER METER.
DAMN! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED THAT UNIT WITH AN IRON BUMPER!
THE LS7 IS A LOT HARDER TO HANDLE THAN THE SMOOTH LS5. AGAIN, IT JUST SHOWS HOW GOOD YOU ARE!


THIS IS DRAGGIN' ON TOO LONG. LET'S SKIP THE PLEASANTRIES.
YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO MOVE DRUGS FOR YOU.
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT I GAVE UP TRANSPORTING DRUGS SEVERAL YEARS AGO.
UNLESS THERE'S A REALLY GOOD REASON.
WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE TO CONVINCE YOU?
I'M NOT REALLY HURTING FOR MONEY.
BUT I HEAR YOU HAVE SOME OF THAT SPECIAL DRUG THAT GOLDIE MAKES.
I KNOW IT'S NOT FOR SALE.
AND THAT IT CAN BE USED TO HELP... PERSUADE PEOPLE.
IF YOU GET ME SOME...
...I'LL ACCEPT WORK FROM YOU.


HMMM.
MISS FARRAH SAID I'D ONLY HAVE TO GIVE HER INFO.
SHE'S ONLY A GO-BETWEEN.
SHRRP
I'M THE ONE YOU HAVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH.
FOOO
CHING
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RAINES!
YES, SIR.
CHAK
GCHAK
I HAVE CONDITIONS AS WELL.
I'M NOT COMPLETELY CONVINCED THAT YOU'RE ROADBUSTER.
RAINES HERE IS MY BEST DRIVER. TAKE HER FOR A DRIVE AND PROVE YOU HAVE THE SKILLS.
HI.
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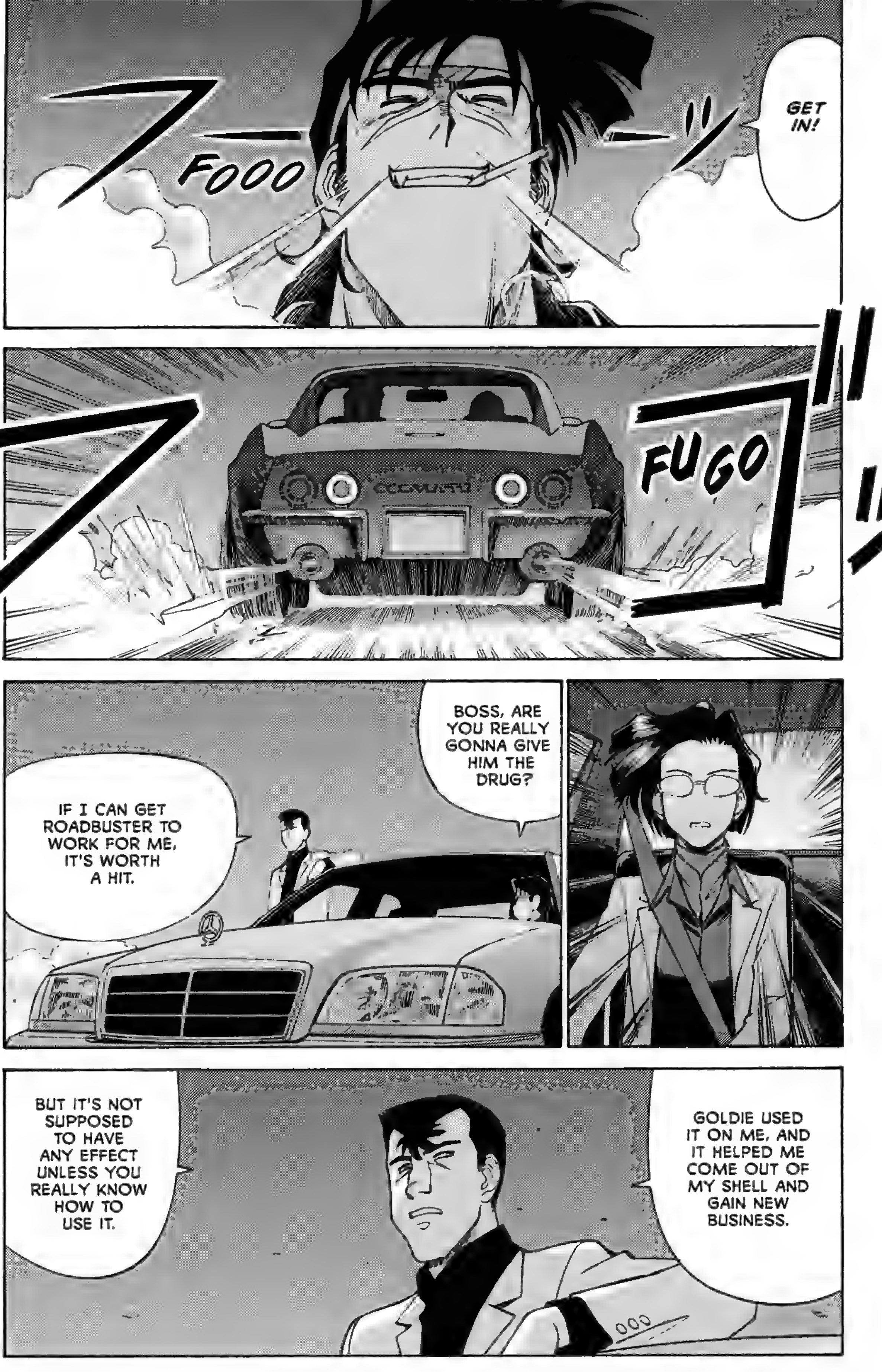
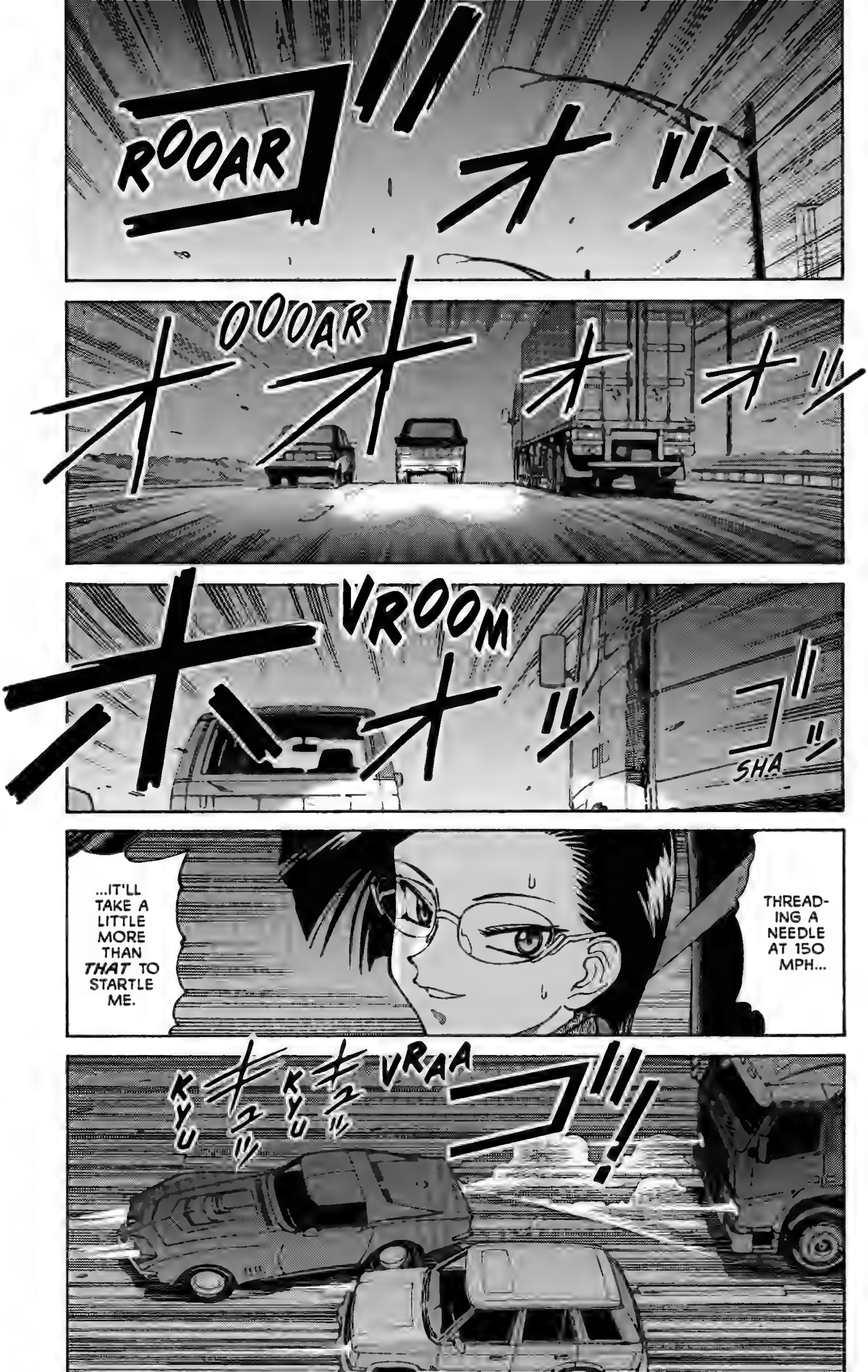

GET IN!
FOOO
FUGO
BOSS, ARE YOU REALLY GONNA GIVE HIM THE DRUG?
IF I CAN GET ROADBUSTER TO WORK FOR ME, IT'S WORTH A HIT.
GOLDIE USED IT ON ME, AND IT HELPED ME COME OUT OF MY SHELL AND GAIN NEW BUSINESS.
BUT IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT UNLESS YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE IT.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SHA
THREADING A NEEDLE AT 150 MPH...
...IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE MORE THAN *THAT* TO STARTLE ME.
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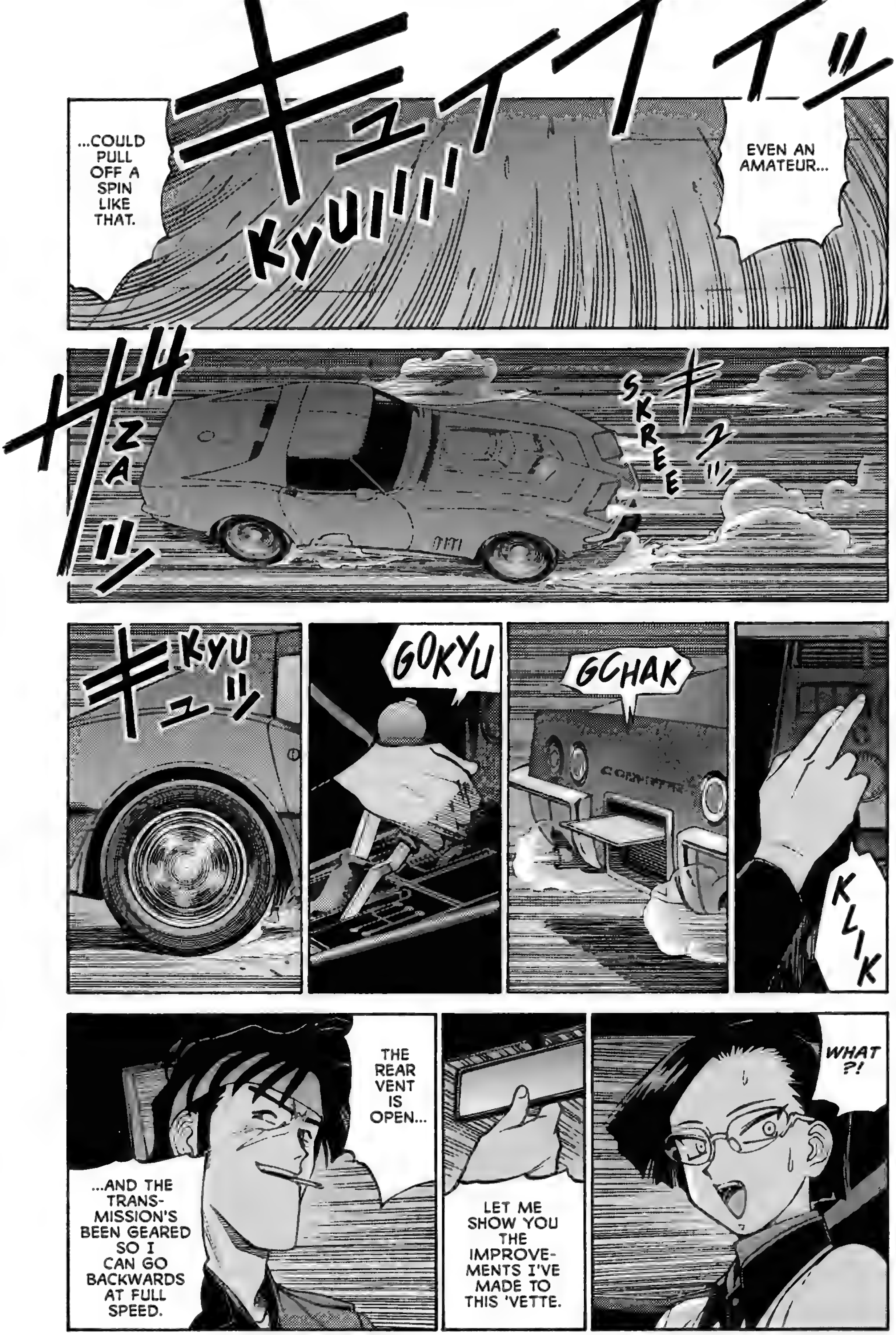
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EVEN AN AMATEUR...
...COULD PULL OFF A SPIN LIKE THAT.
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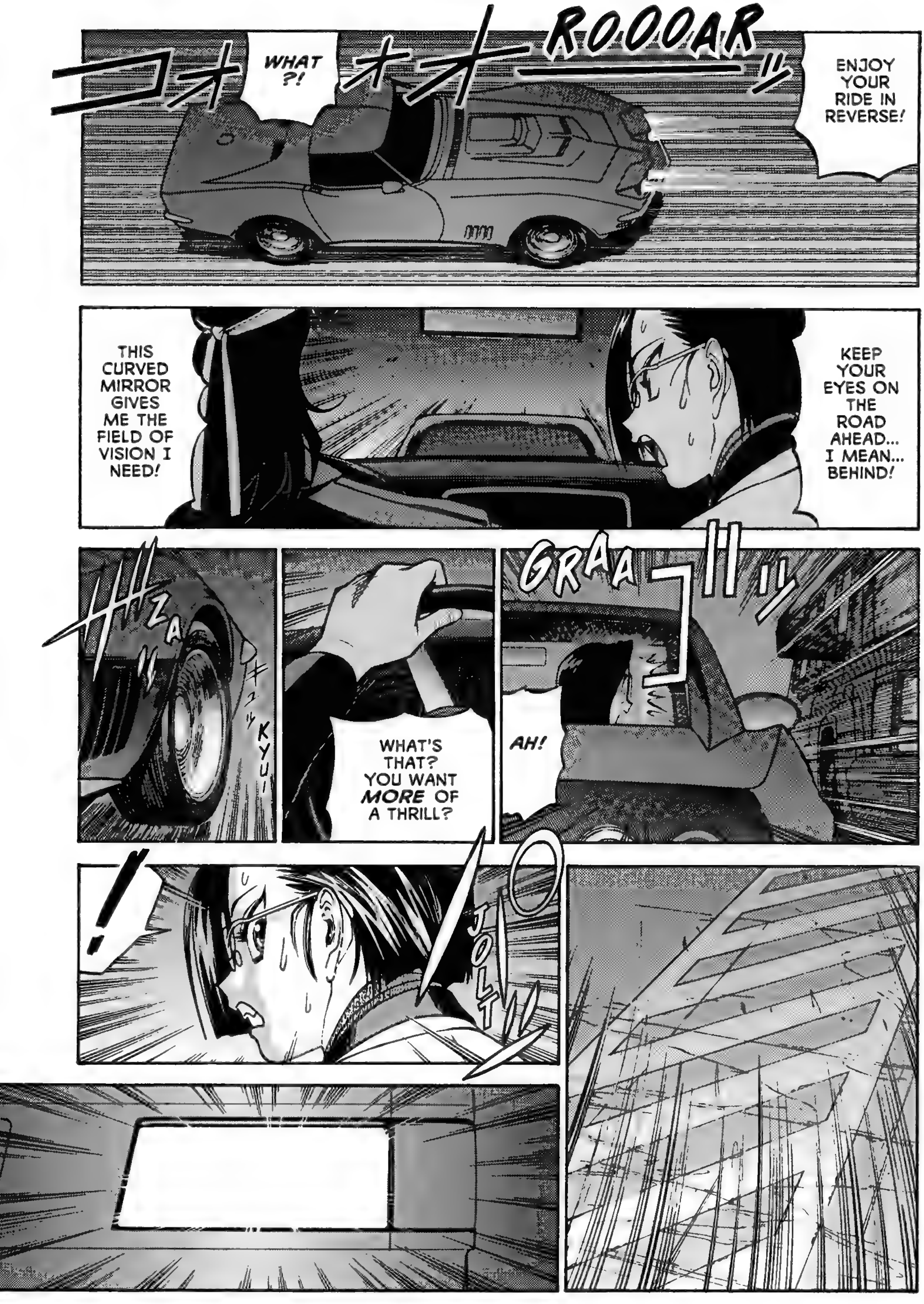
WHAT?!
LET ME SHOW YOU THE IMPROVEMENTS I'VE MADE TO THIS 'VETTE.
THE REAR VENT IS OPEN...
...AND THE TRANSMISSION'S BEEN GEARED SO I CAN GO BACKWARDS AT FULL SPEED.


ENJOY YOUR RIDE IN REVERSE!
ROOOAR
WHAT ?!
コオオオ
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AHEAD... I MEAN... BEHIND!
THIS CURVED MIRROR GIVES ME THE FIELD OF VISION I NEED!
GRAAA
AH!
WHAT'S THAT? YOU WANT *MORE* OF A THRILL?
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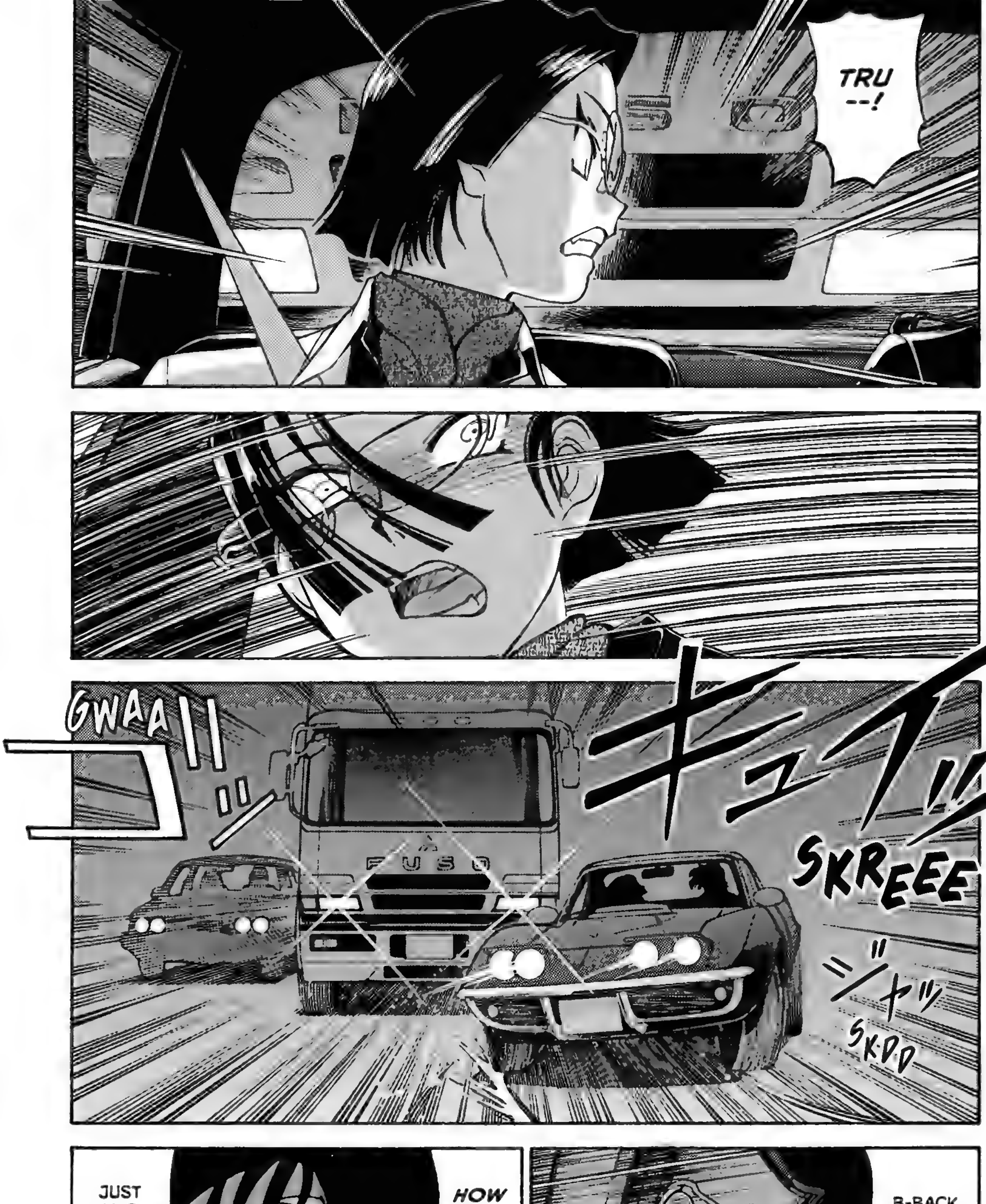
TRU --!
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SKREEE
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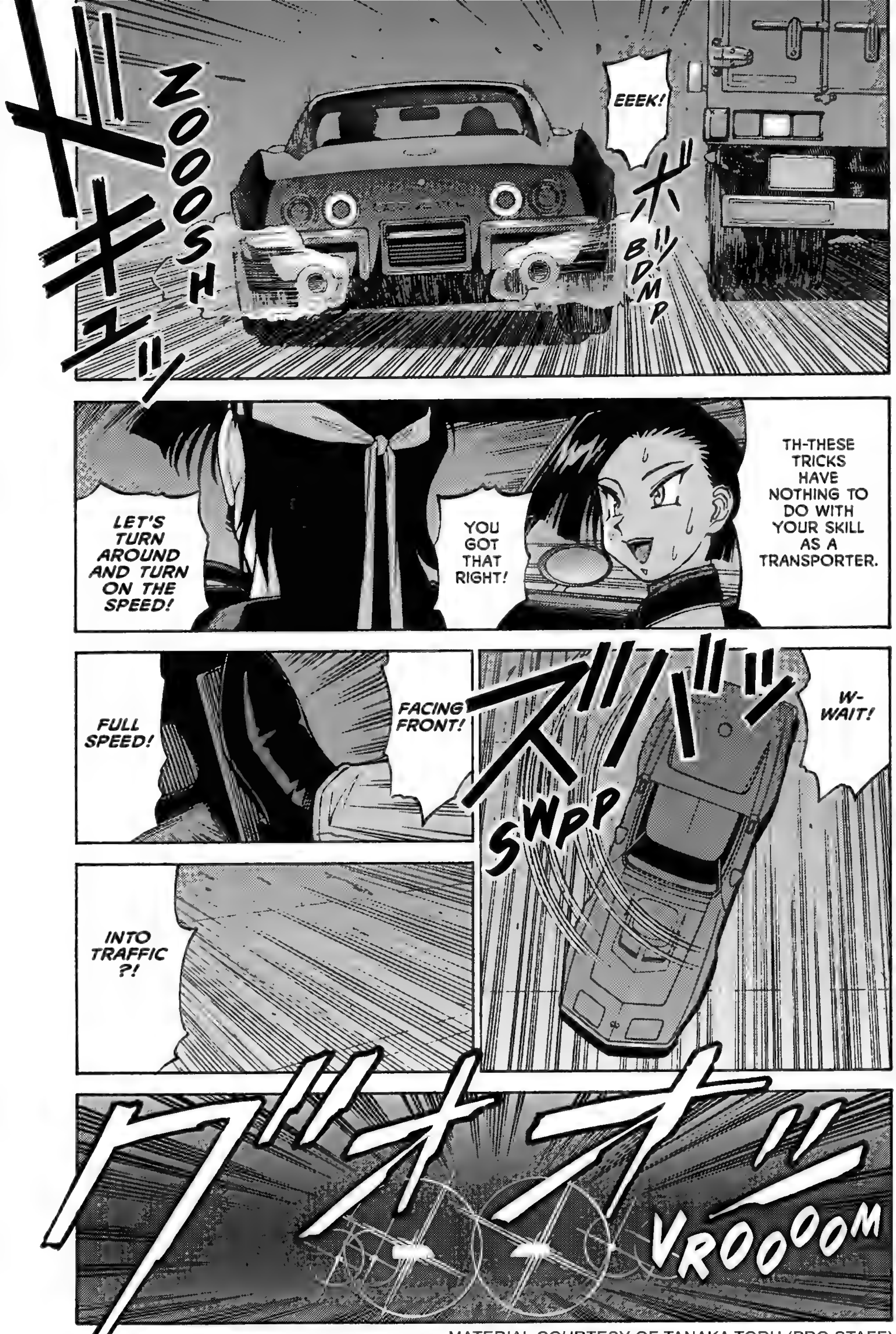
GWAA
B-BACK AGAIN!
HOW 'BOUT IT?!
JUST LIKE ROWIN' A BOAT FROM THE STERN!


EEEK!
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BDMP
ZOOOOSH
ギギュッ
TH-THESE TRICKS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR SKILL AS A TRANSPORTER.
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!
LET'S TURN AROUND AND TURN ON THE SPEED!
W-WAIT!
ズバッ
SWPP
FACING FRONT!
FULL SPEED!
INTO TRAFFIC?!
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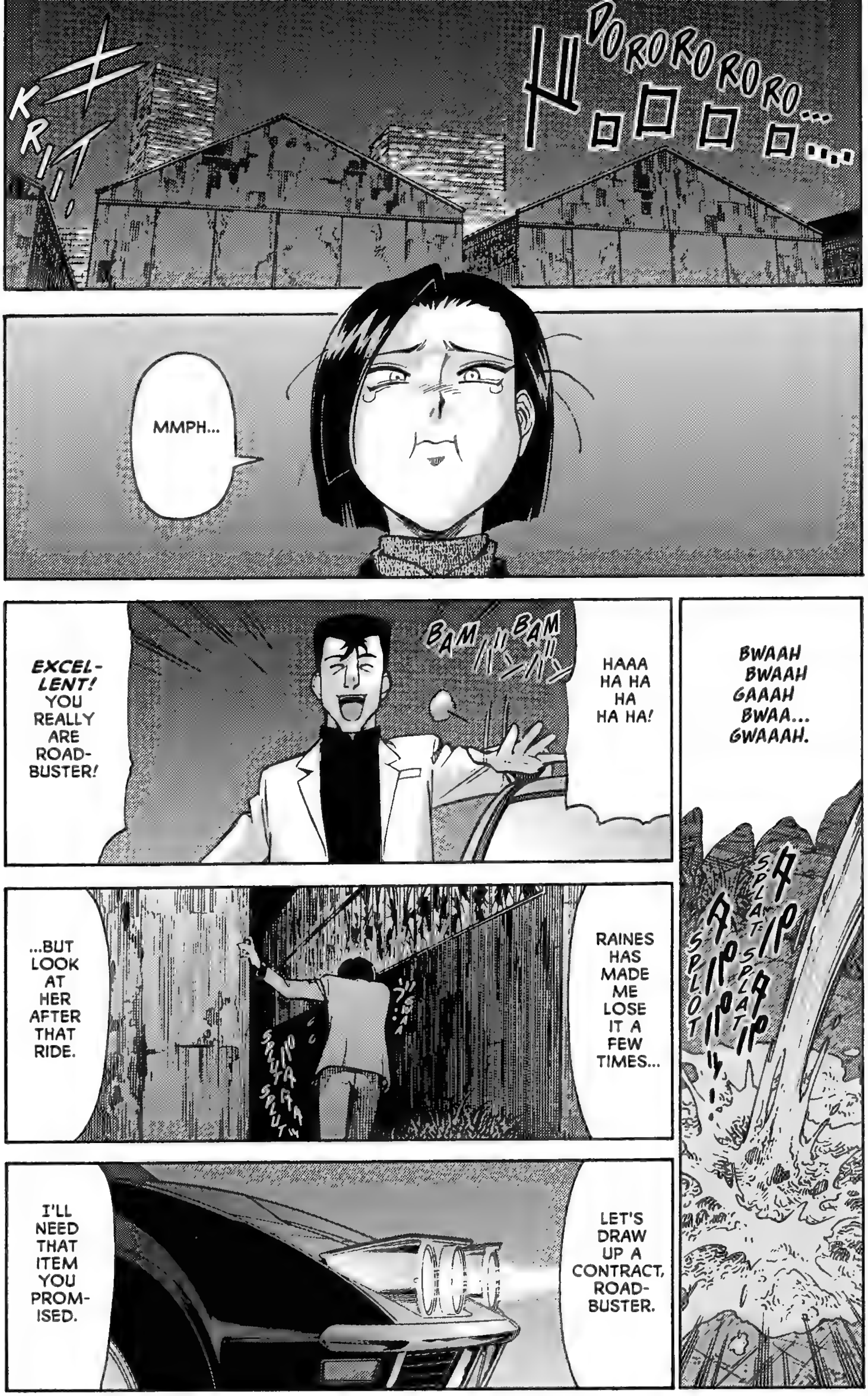
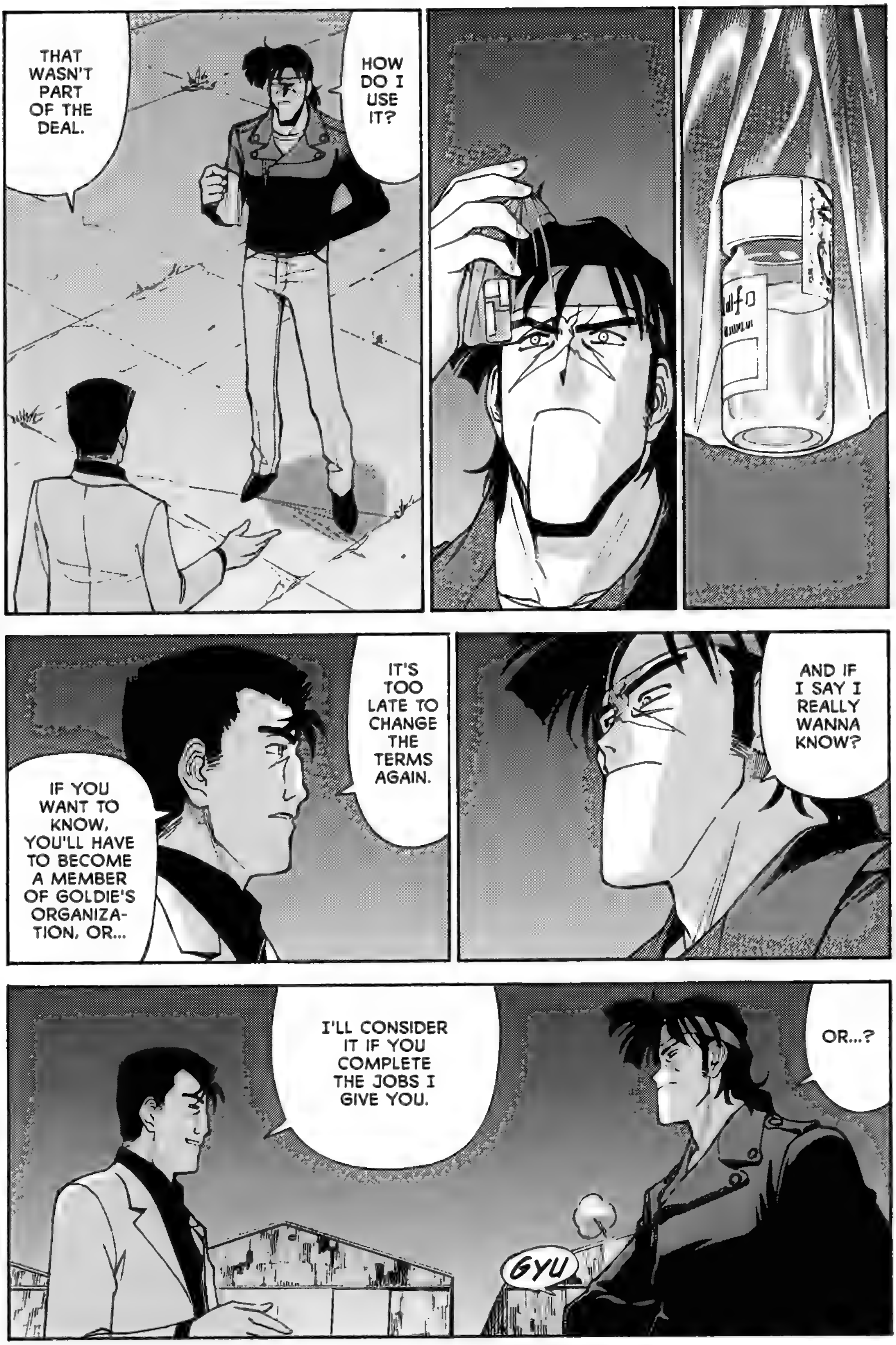
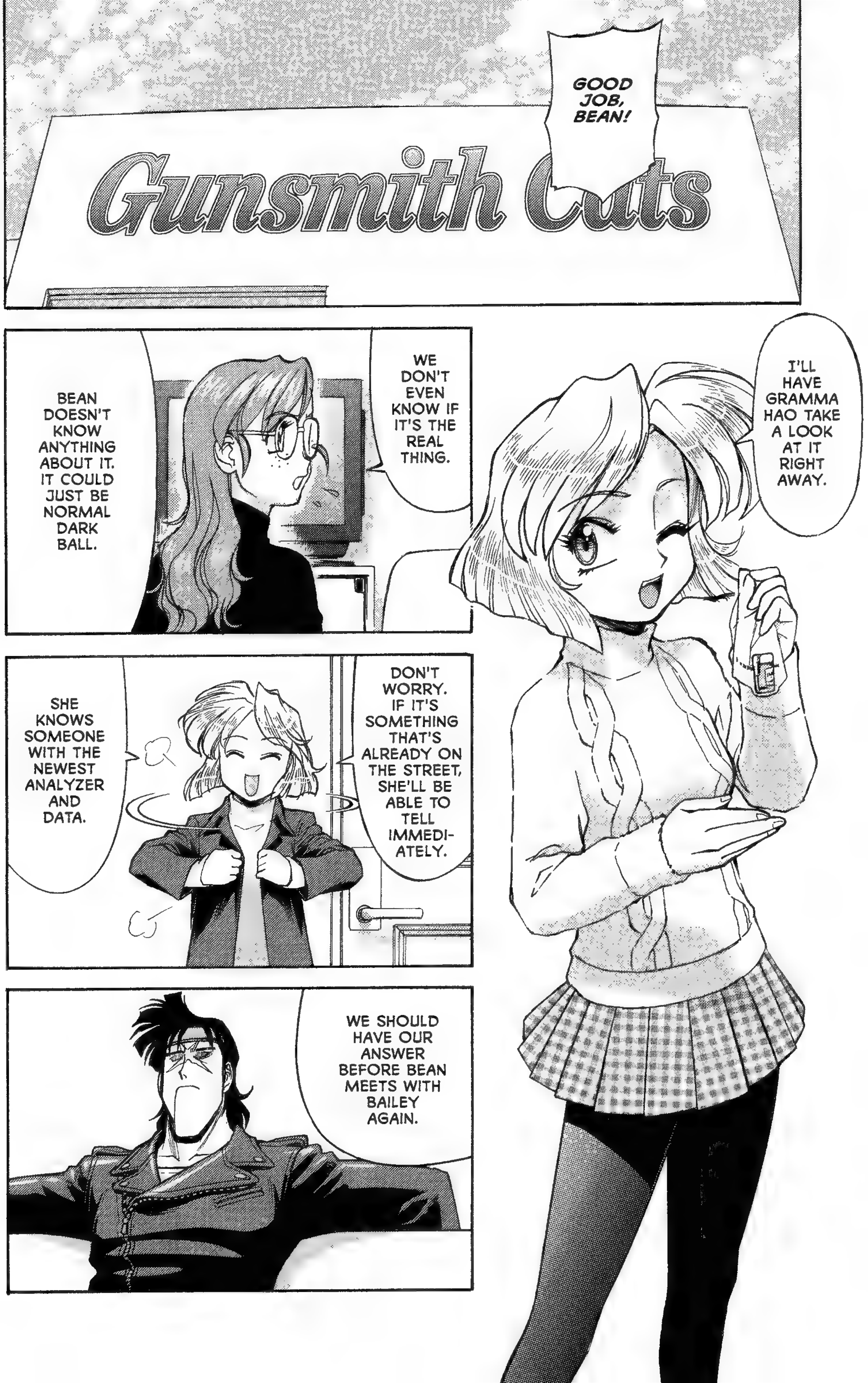
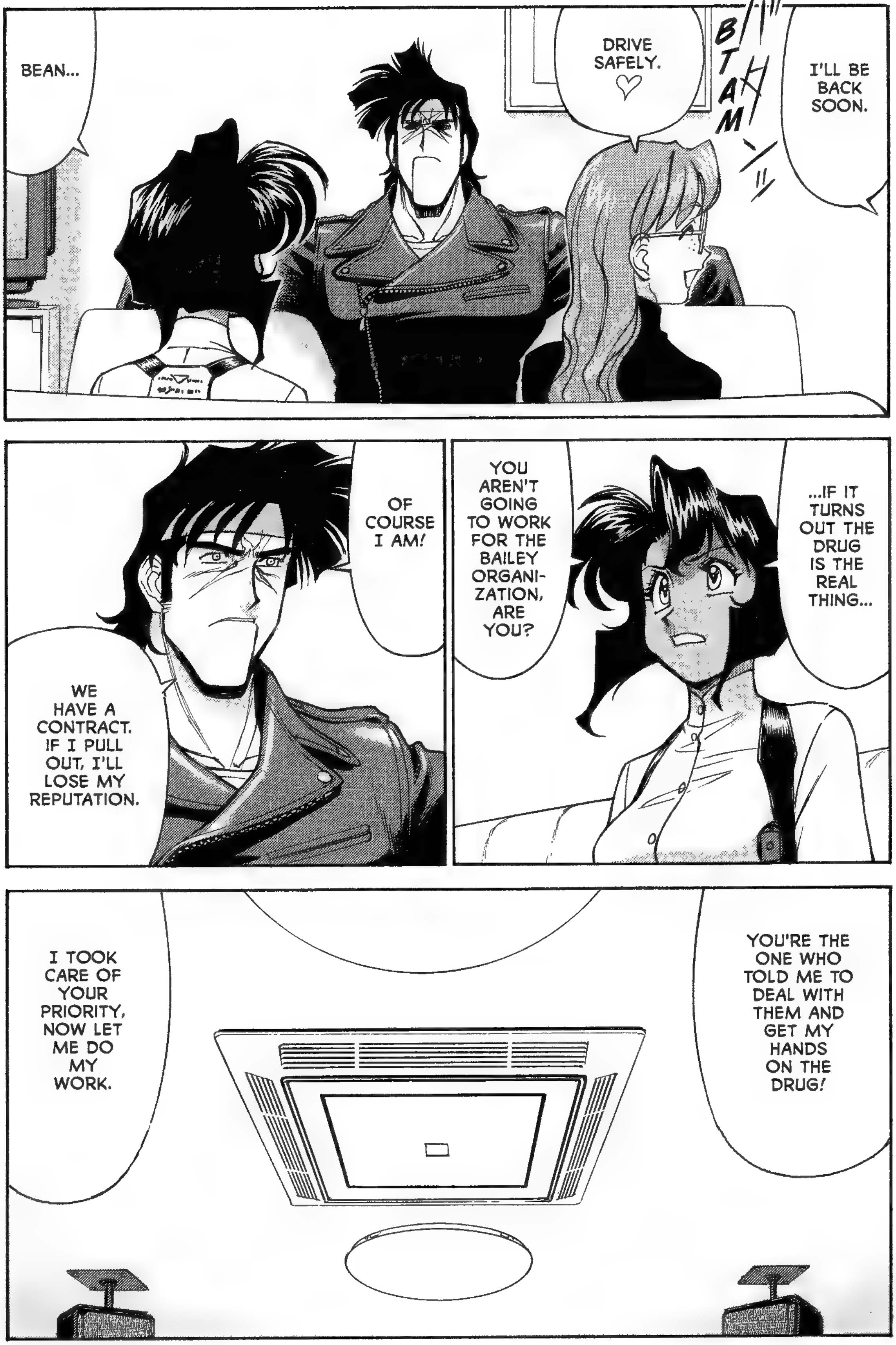
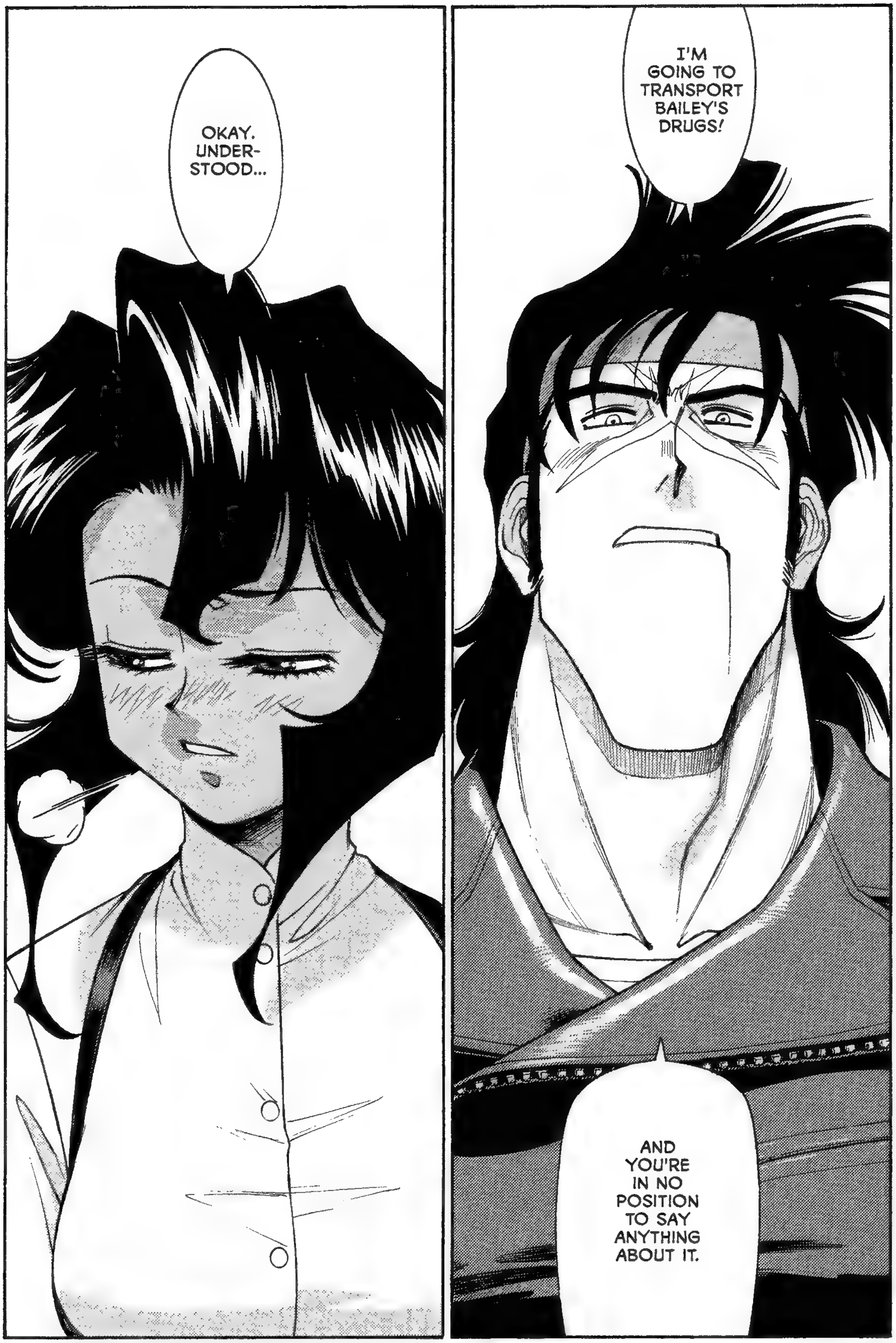
MATERIAL COURTESY OF TANAKA TORU (PRO STAFF)


DOROROROROR0...
KRIIT!
MMPH...
BWAAH BWAAH GAAAH BWAA... GWAAAH.
SPLAT SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLOT
HAAA HA HA HA HA HA!
BAM BAM
EXCELLENT! YOU REALLY ARE ROADBUSTER!
RAINES HAS MADE ME LOSE IT A FEW TIMES...
SPLUT
SPLUT
...BUT LOOK AT HER AFTER THAT RIDE.
LET'S DRAW UP A CONTRACT, ROADBUSTER.
I'LL NEED THAT ITEM YOU PROMISED.


HOW DO I USE IT?
THAT WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL.
AND IF I SAY I REALLY WANNA KNOW?
IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE TERMS AGAIN.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW, YOU'LL HAVE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION, OR...
OR...?
I'LL CONSIDER IT IF YOU COMPLETE THE JOBS I GIVE YOU.
GYU


GOOD JOB, BEAN!
Gunsmith Cats
I'LL HAVE GRAMMA HAO TAKE A LOOK AT IT RIGHT AWAY.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF IT'S THE REAL THING.
BEAN DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IT COULD JUST BE NORMAL DARK BALL.
DON'T WORRY. IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY ON THE STREET, SHE'LL BE ABLE TO TELL IMMEDIATELY.
SHE KNOWS SOMEONE WITH THE NEWEST ANALYZER AND DATA.
WE SHOULD HAVE OUR ANSWER BEFORE BEAN MEETS WITH BAILEY AGAIN.


I'LL BE BACK SOON.
BTAM
DRIVE SAFELY. ♡
BEAN...
...IF IT TURNS OUT THE DRUG IS THE REAL THING...
YOU AREN'T GOING TO WORK FOR THE BAILEY ORGANIZATION, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE I AM!
WE HAVE A CONTRACT. IF I PULL OUT, I'LL LOSE MY REPUTATION.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO DEAL WITH THEM AND GET MY HANDS ON THE DRUG!
I TOOK CARE OF YOUR PRIORITY, NOW LET ME DO MY WORK.


I'M GOING TO TRANSPORT BAILEY'S DRUGS!
AND YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
OKAY. UNDERSTOOD...

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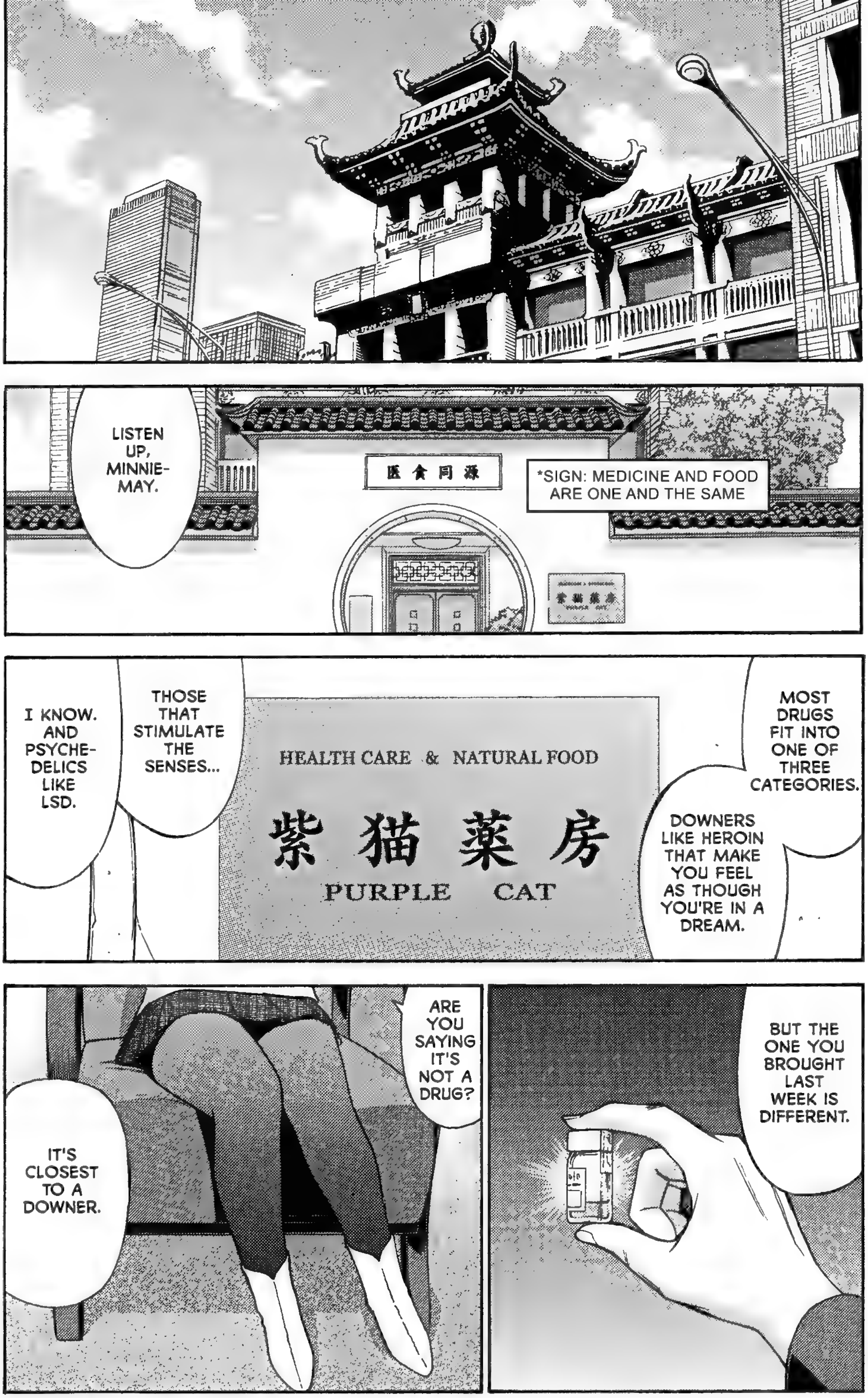
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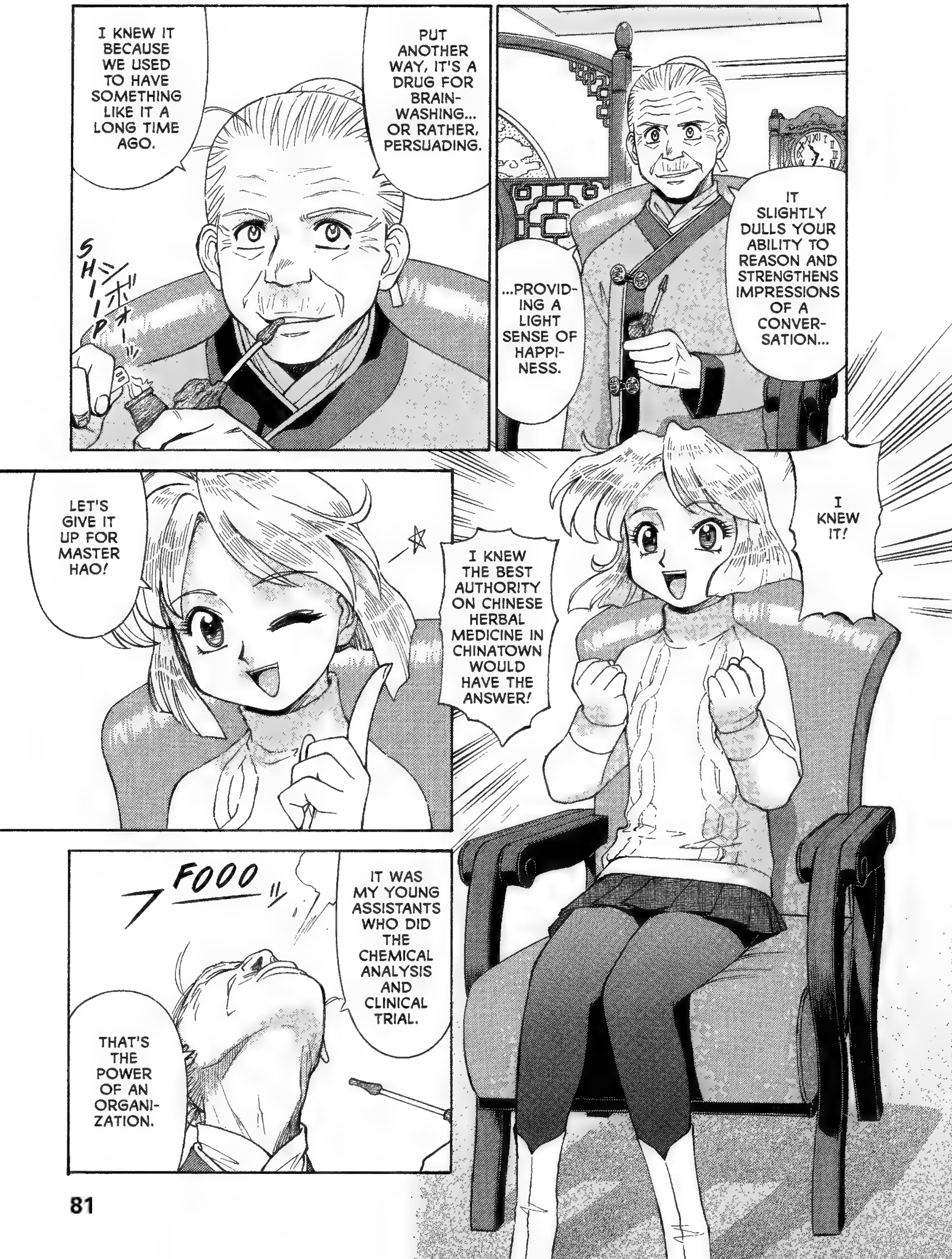
*SIGN: MEDICINE AND FOOD ARE ONE AND THE SAME
LISTEN UP, MINNIE-MAY.
MOST DRUGS FIT INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES.
DOWNERS LIKE HEROIN THAT MAKE YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU'RE IN A DREAM.
HEALTH CARE & NATURAL FOOD
紫猫薬房
PURPLE CAT
THOSE THAT STIMULATE THE SENSES...
I KNOW. AND PSYCHEDELICS LIKE LSD.
BUT THE ONE YOU BROUGHT LAST WEEK IS DIFFERENT.
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S NOT A DRUG?
IT'S CLOSEST TO A DOWNER.


IT SLIGHTLY DULLS YOUR ABILITY TO REASON AND STRENGTHENS IMPRESSIONS OF A CONVERSATION...
...PROVIDING A LIGHT SENSE OF HAPPINESS.
PUT ANOTHER WAY, IT'S A DRUG FOR BRAINWASHING... OR RATHER, PERSUADING.
I KNEW IT BECAUSE WE USED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE IT A LONG TIME AGO.
SHIP
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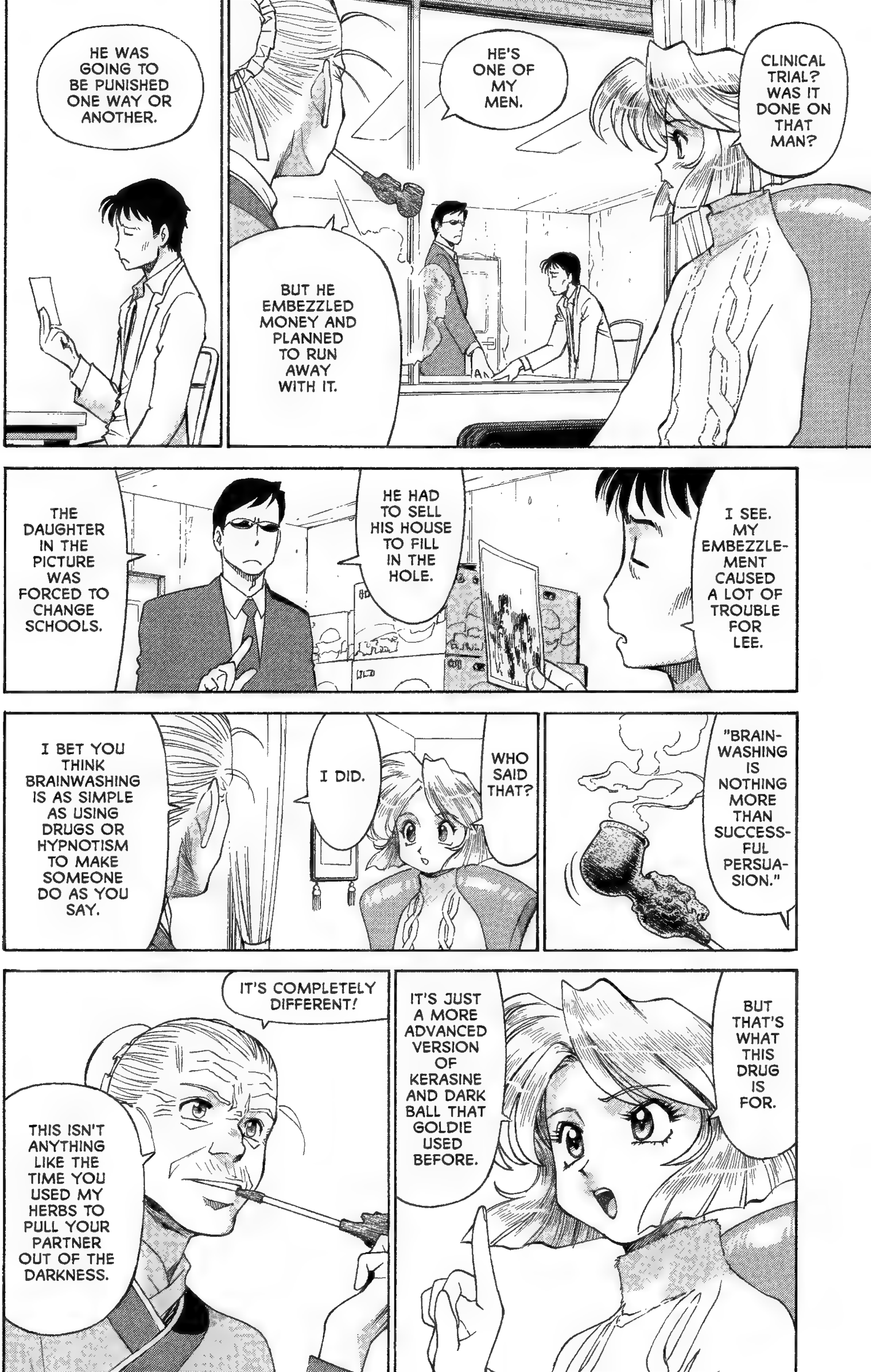
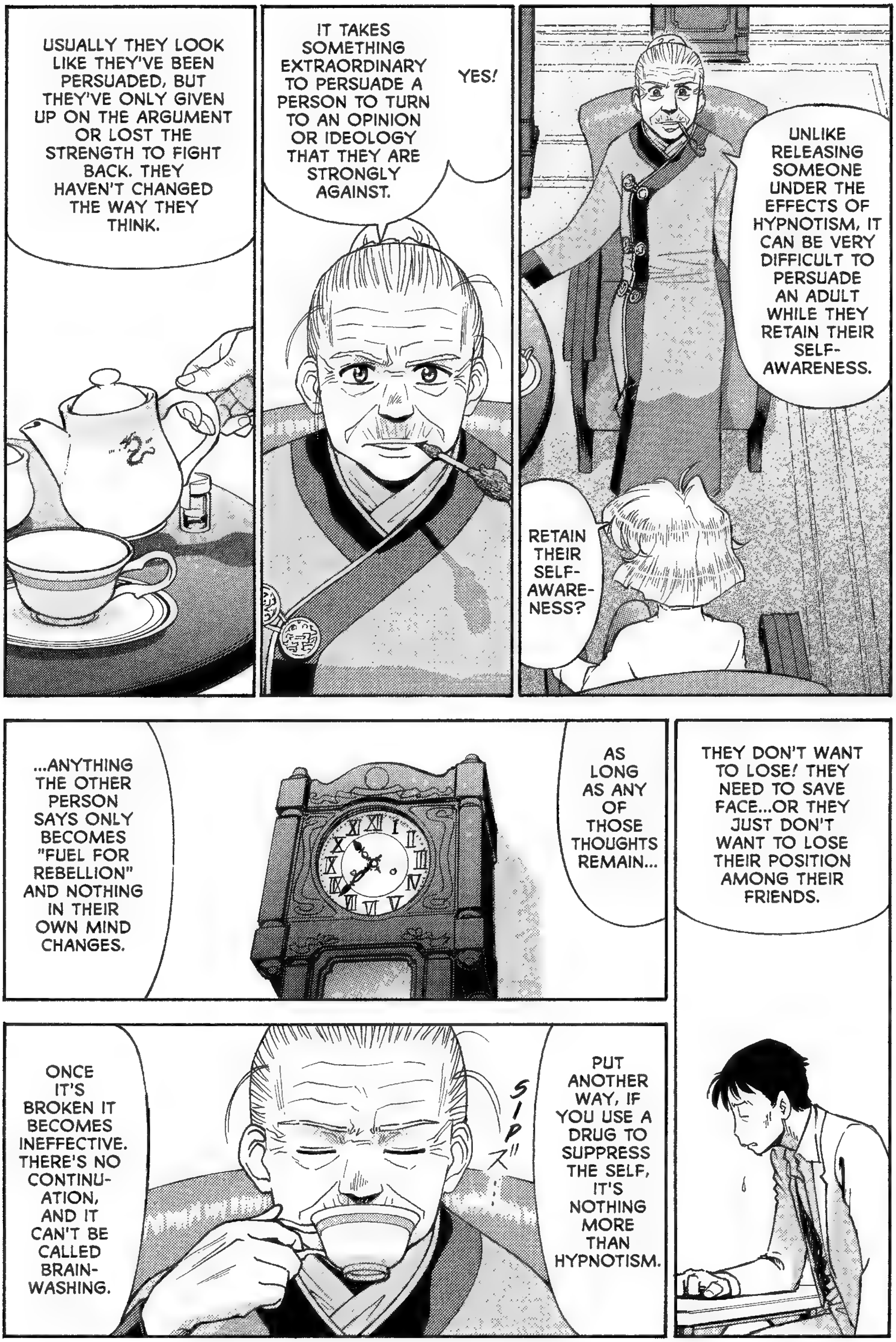
I KNEW IT!
I KNEW THE BEST AUTHORITY ON CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINE IN CHINATOWN WOULD HAVE THE ANSWER!
LET'S GIVE IT UP FOR MASTER HAO!
IT WAS MY YOUNG ASSISTANTS WHO DID THE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND CLINICAL TRIAL.
FOOO
THAT'S THE POWER OF AN ORGANIZATION.


CLINICAL TRIAL? WAS IT DONE ON THAT MAN?
HE'S ONE OF MY MEN.
BUT HE EMBEZZLED MONEY AND PLANNED TO RUN AWAY WITH IT.
HE WAS GOING TO BE PUNISHED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
I SEE. MY EMBEZZLEMENT CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR LEE.
HE HAD TO SELL HIS HOUSE TO FILL IN THE HOLE.
THE DAUGHTER IN THE PICTURE WAS FORCED TO CHANGE SCHOOLS.
"BRAINWASHING IS NOTHING MORE THAN SUCCESSFUL PERSUASION."
WHO SAID THAT?
I DID.
I BET YOU THINK BRAINWASHING IS AS SIMPLE AS USING DRUGS OR HYPNOTISM TO MAKE SOMEONE DO AS YOU SAY.
BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS DRUG IS FOR.
IT'S JUST A MORE ADVANCED VERSION OF KERASINE AND DARK BALL THAT GOLDIE USED BEFORE.
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
THIS ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE THE TIME YOU USED MY HERBS TO PULL YOUR PARTNER OUT OF THE DARKNESS.


UNLIKE RELEASING SOMEONE UNDER THE EFFECTS OF HYPNOTISM, IT CAN BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE AN ADULT WHILE THEY RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARENESS.
RETAIN THEIR SELF-AWARENESS?
YES!
IT TAKES SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY TO PERSUADE A PERSON TO TURN TO AN OPINION OR IDEOLOGY THAT THEY ARE STRONGLY AGAINST.
USUALLY THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN PERSUADED, BUT THEY'VE ONLY GIVEN UP ON THE ARGUMENT OR LOST THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK. THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED THE WAY THEY THINK.
THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE! THEY NEED TO SAVE FACE...OR THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO LOSE THEIR POSITION AMONG THEIR FRIENDS.
AS LONG AS ANY OF THOSE THOUGHTS REMAIN...
...ANYTHING THE OTHER PERSON SAYS ONLY BECOMES "FUEL FOR REBELLION" AND NOTHING IN THEIR OWN MIND CHANGES.
PUT ANOTHER WAY, IF YOU USE A DRUG TO SUPPRESS THE SELF, IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN HYPNOTISM.
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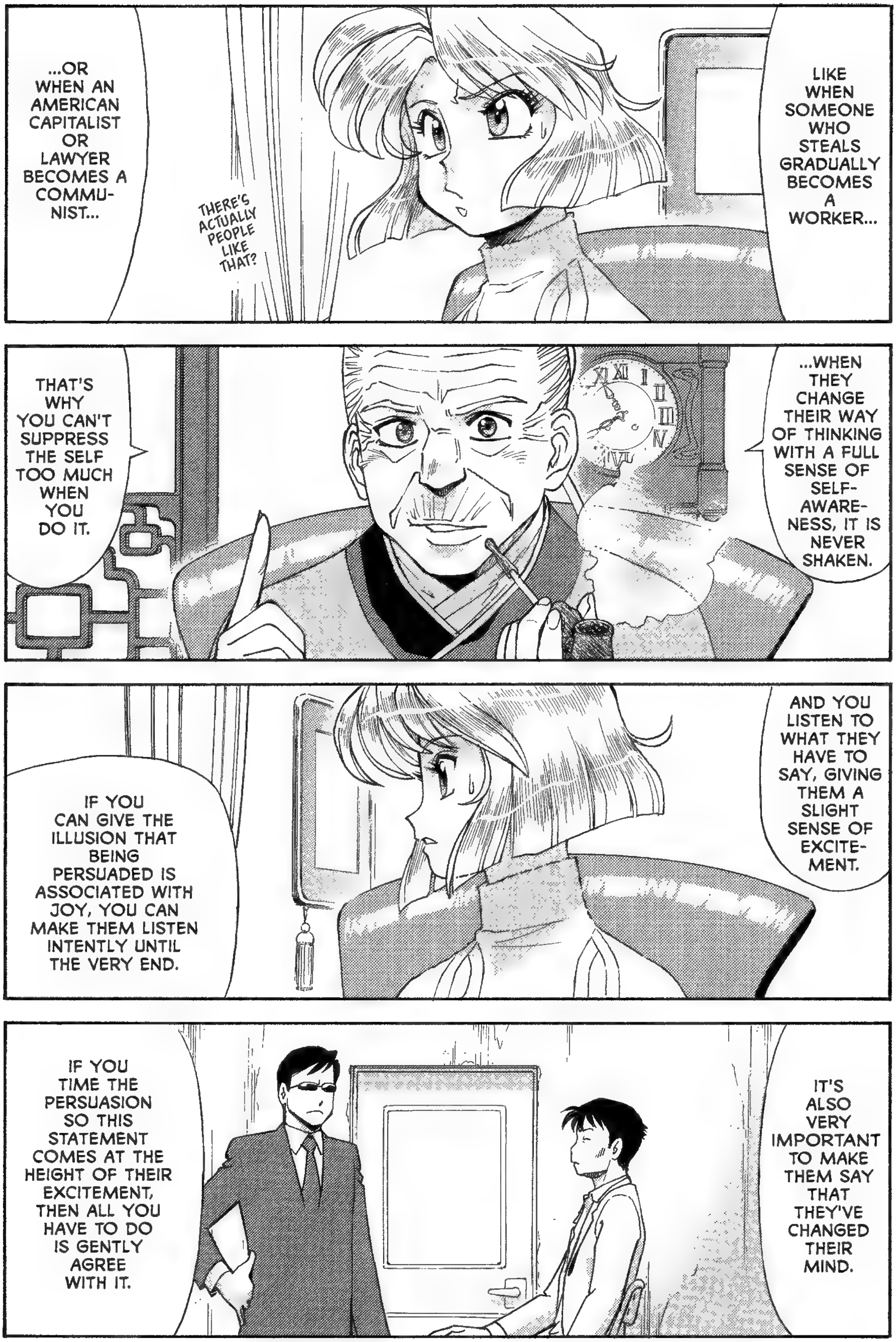
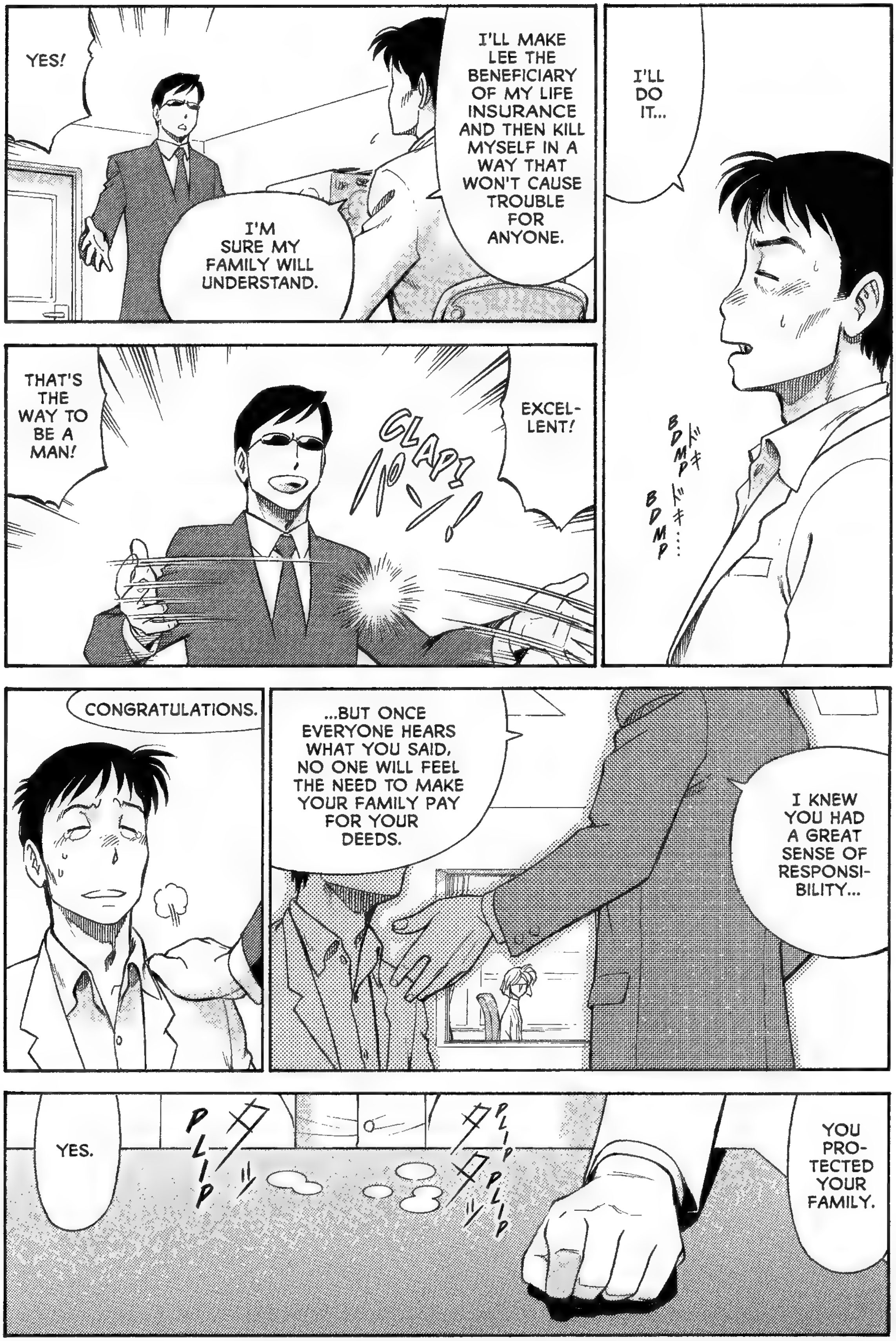
ONCE IT'S BROKEN IT BECOMES INEFFECTIVE. THERE'S NO CONTINUATION, AND IT CAN'T BE CALLED BRAINWASHING.


LIKE WHEN SOMEONE WHO STEALS GRADUALLY BECOMES A WORKER...
...OR WHEN AN AMERICAN CAPITALIST OR LAWYER BECOMES A COMMUNIST...
THERE'S ACTUALLY PEOPLE LIKE THAT?
...WHEN THEY CHANGE THEIR WAY OF THINKING WITH A FULL SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS, IT IS NEVER SHAKEN.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T SUPPRESS THE SELF TOO MUCH WHEN YOU DO IT.
AND YOU LISTEN TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY, GIVING THEM A SLIGHT SENSE OF EXCITEMENT.
IF YOU CAN GIVE THE ILLUSION THAT BEING PERSUADED IS ASSOCIATED WITH JOY, YOU CAN MAKE THEM LISTEN INTENTLY UNTIL THE VERY END.
IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO MAKE THEM SAY THAT THEY'VE CHANGED THEIR MIND.
IF YOU TIME THE PERSUASION SO THIS STATEMENT COMES AT THE HEIGHT OF THEIR EXCITEMENT, THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GENTLY AGREE WITH IT.


I'LL DO IT...
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BDMP ドキ...
I'LL MAKE LEE THE BENEFICIARY OF MY LIFE INSURANCE AND THEN KILL MYSELF IN A WAY THAT WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE.
I'M SURE MY FAMILY WILL UNDERSTAND.
YES!
EXCELLENT!
CLAP!
THAT'S THE WAY TO BE A MAN!
I KNEW YOU HAD A GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY...
...BUT ONCE EVERYONE HEARS WHAT YOU SAID, NO ONE WILL FEEL THE NEED TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY PAY FOR YOUR DEEDS.
CONGRATULATIONS.
YOU PROTECTED YOUR FAMILY.
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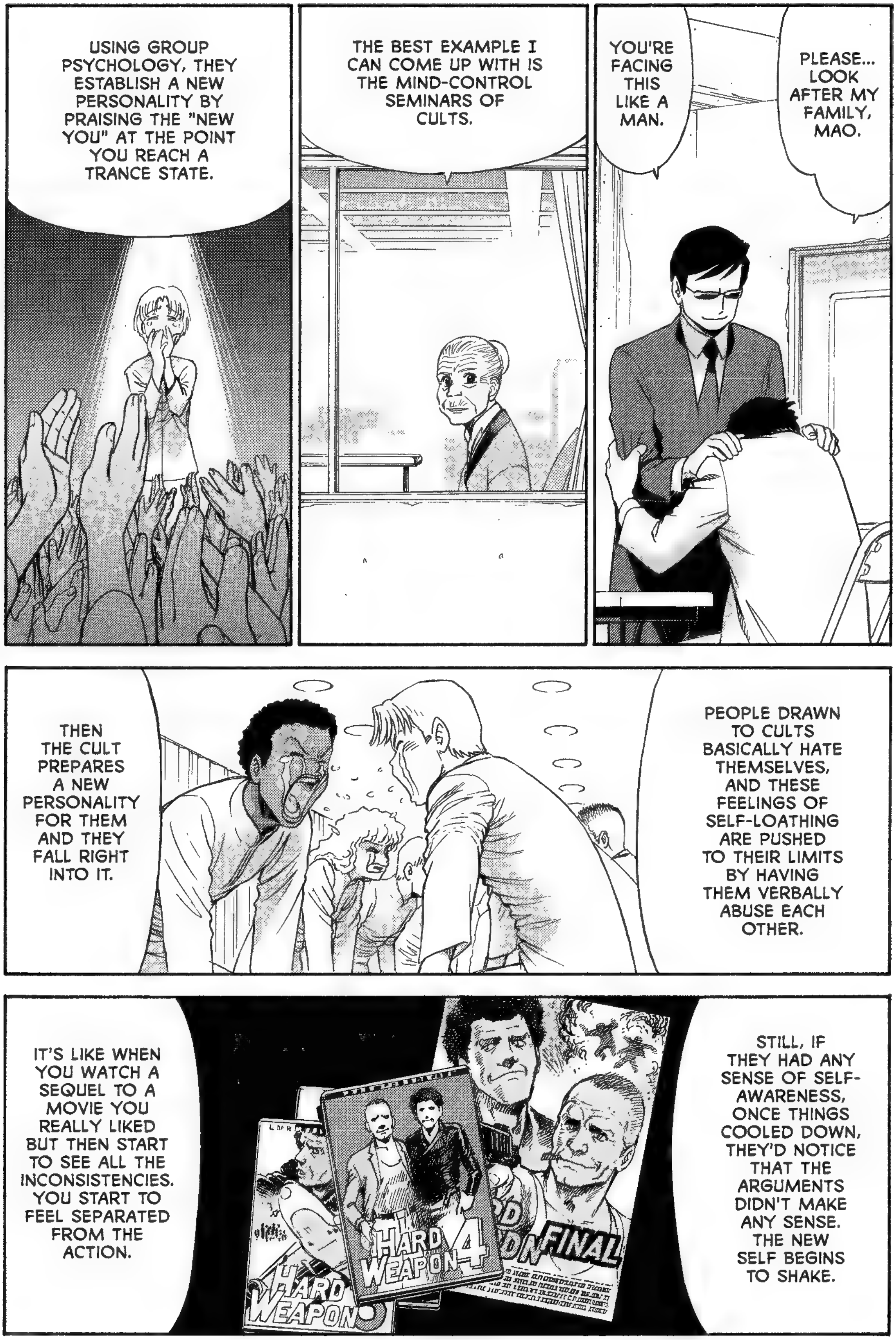
PLIP タッ
YES.


PLEASE... LOOK AFTER MY FAMILY, MAO.
YOU'RE FACING THIS LIKE A MAN.
THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN COME UP WITH IS THE MIND-CONTROL SEMINARS OF CULTS.
USING GROUP PSYCHOLOGY, THEY ESTABLISH A NEW PERSONALITY BY PRAISING THE "NEW YOU" AT THE POINT YOU REACH A TRANCE STATE.
PEOPLE DRAWN TO CULTS BASICALLY HATE THEMSELVES, AND THESE FEELINGS OF SELF-LOATHING ARE PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS BY HAVING THEM VERBALLY ABUSE EACH OTHER.
THEN THE CULT PREPARES A NEW PERSONALITY FOR THEM AND THEY FALL RIGHT INTO IT.
STILL, IF THEY HAD ANY SENSE OF SELF-AWARENESS, ONCE THINGS COOLED DOWN, THEY'D NOTICE THAT THE ARGUMENTS DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THE NEW SELF BEGINS TO SHAKE.
IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU WATCH A SEQUEL TO A MOVIE YOU REALLY LIKED BUT THEN START TO SEE ALL THE INCONSISTENCIES. YOU START TO FEEL SEPARATED FROM THE ACTION.
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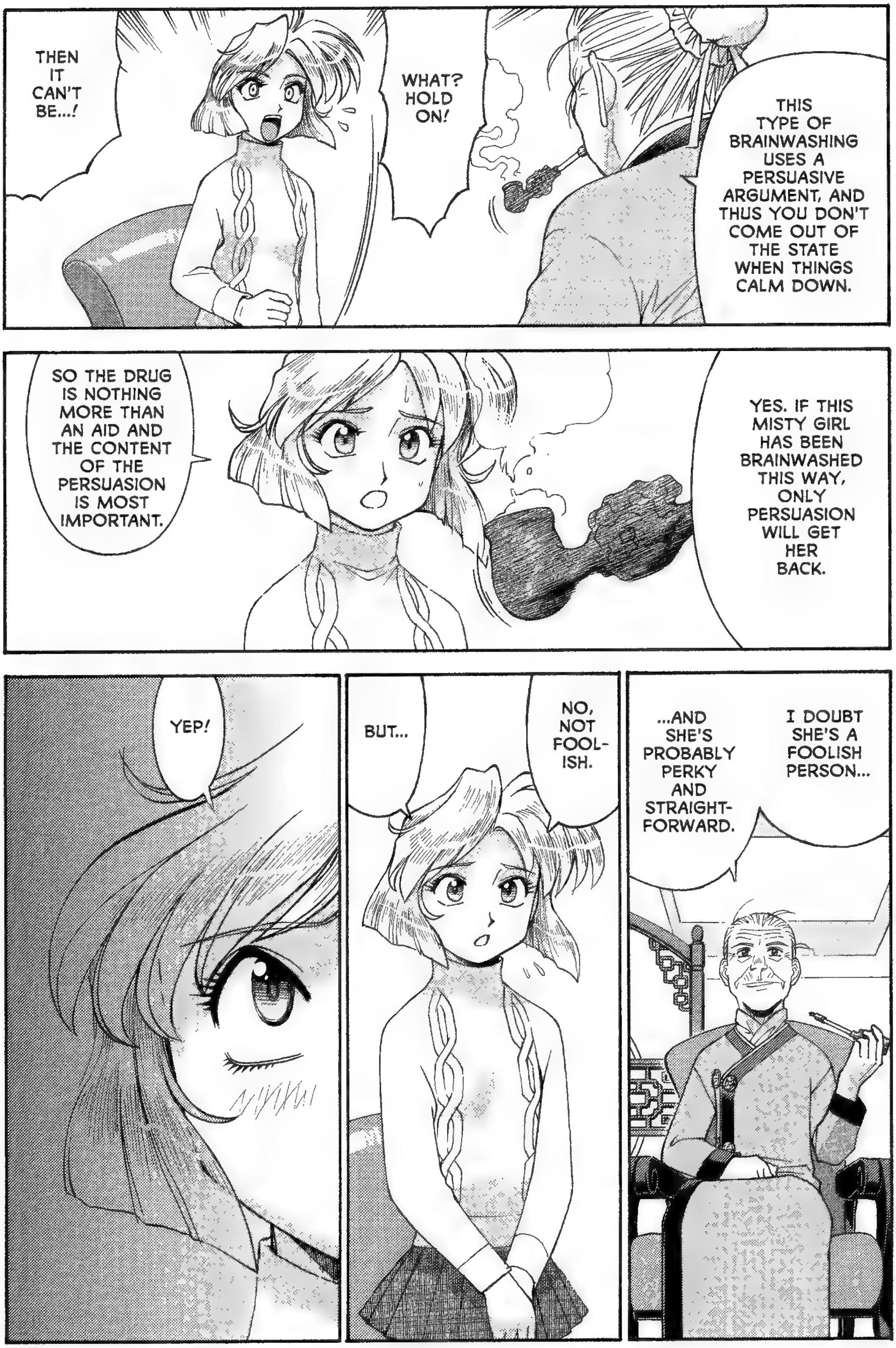
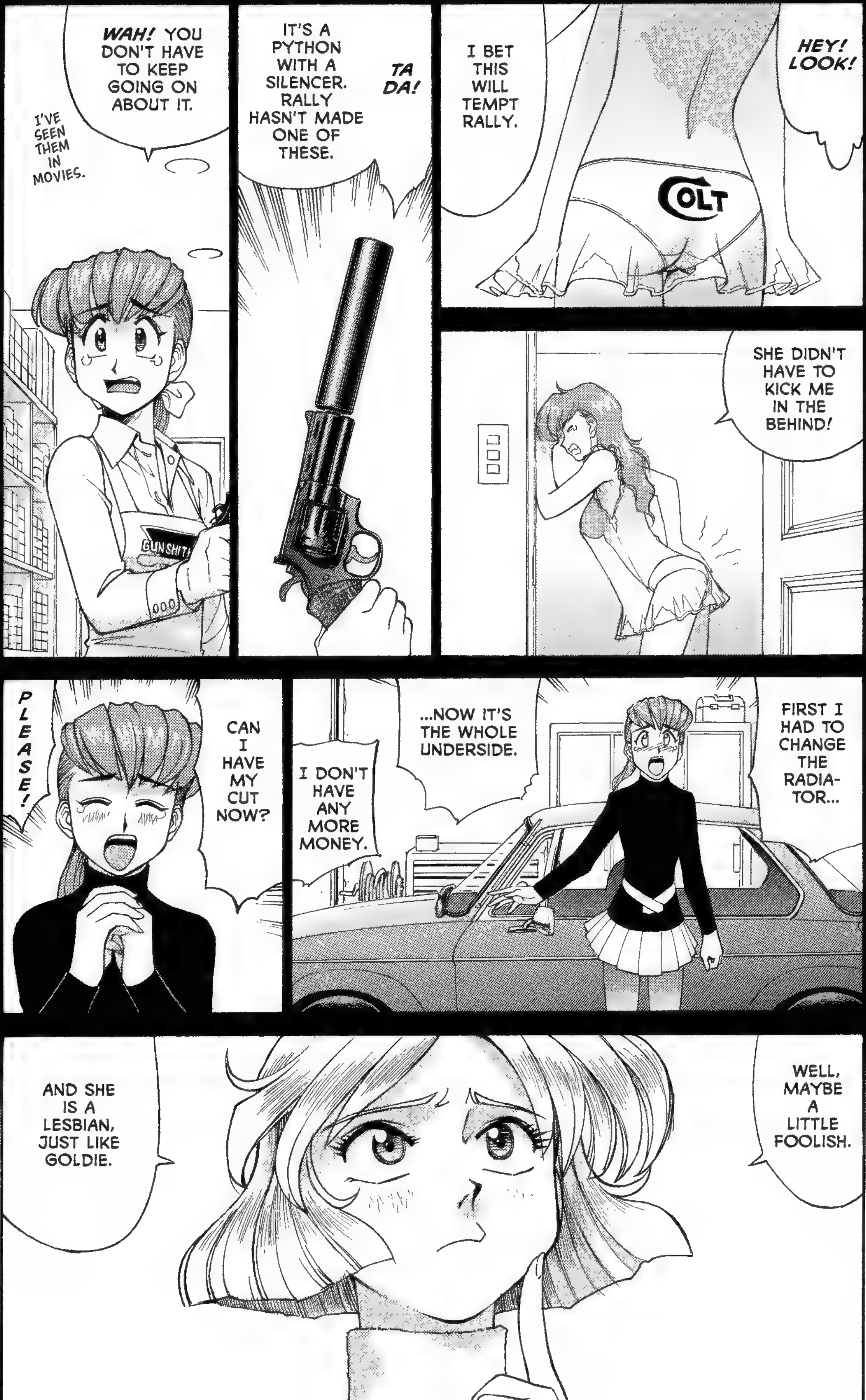
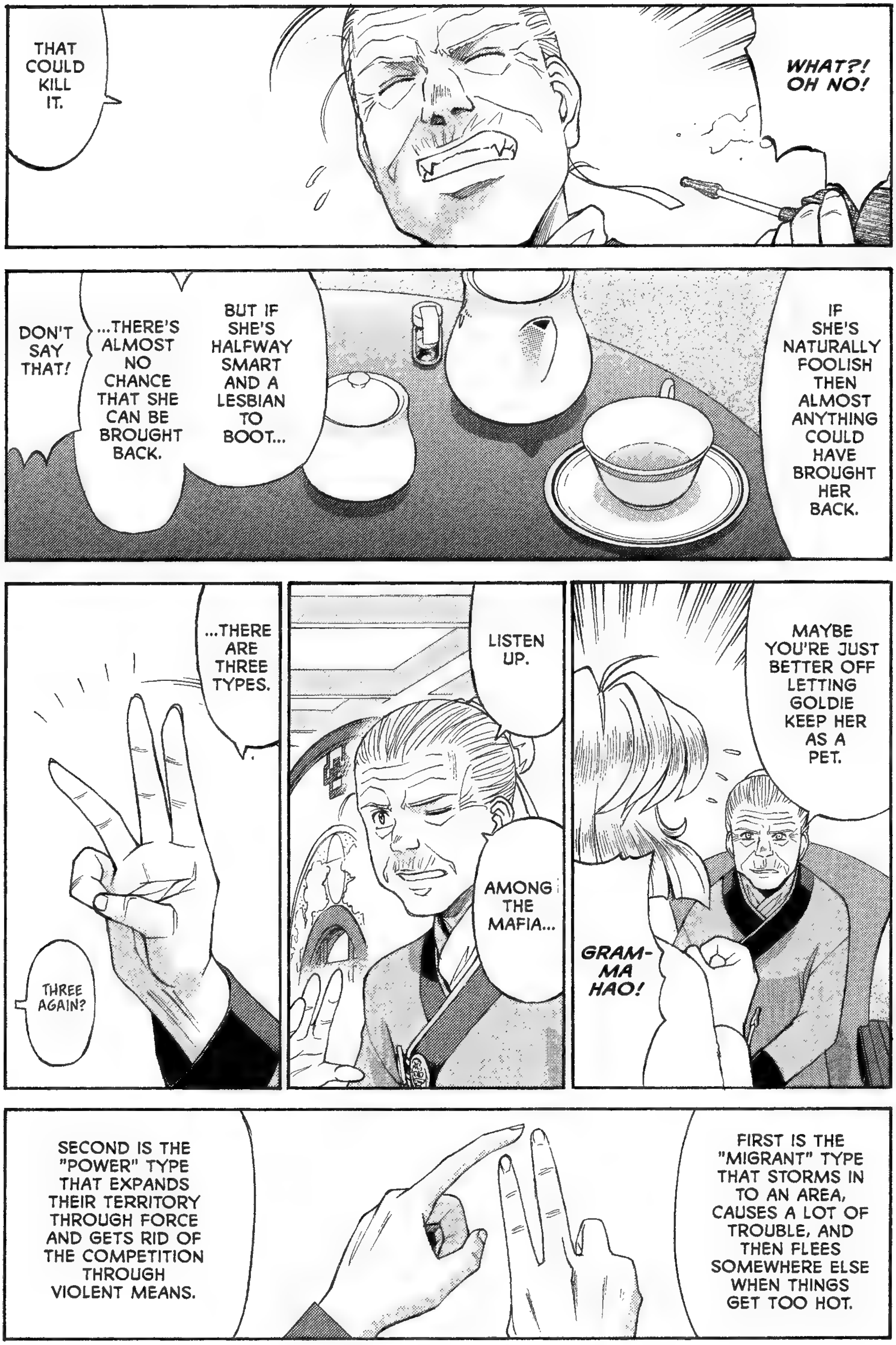
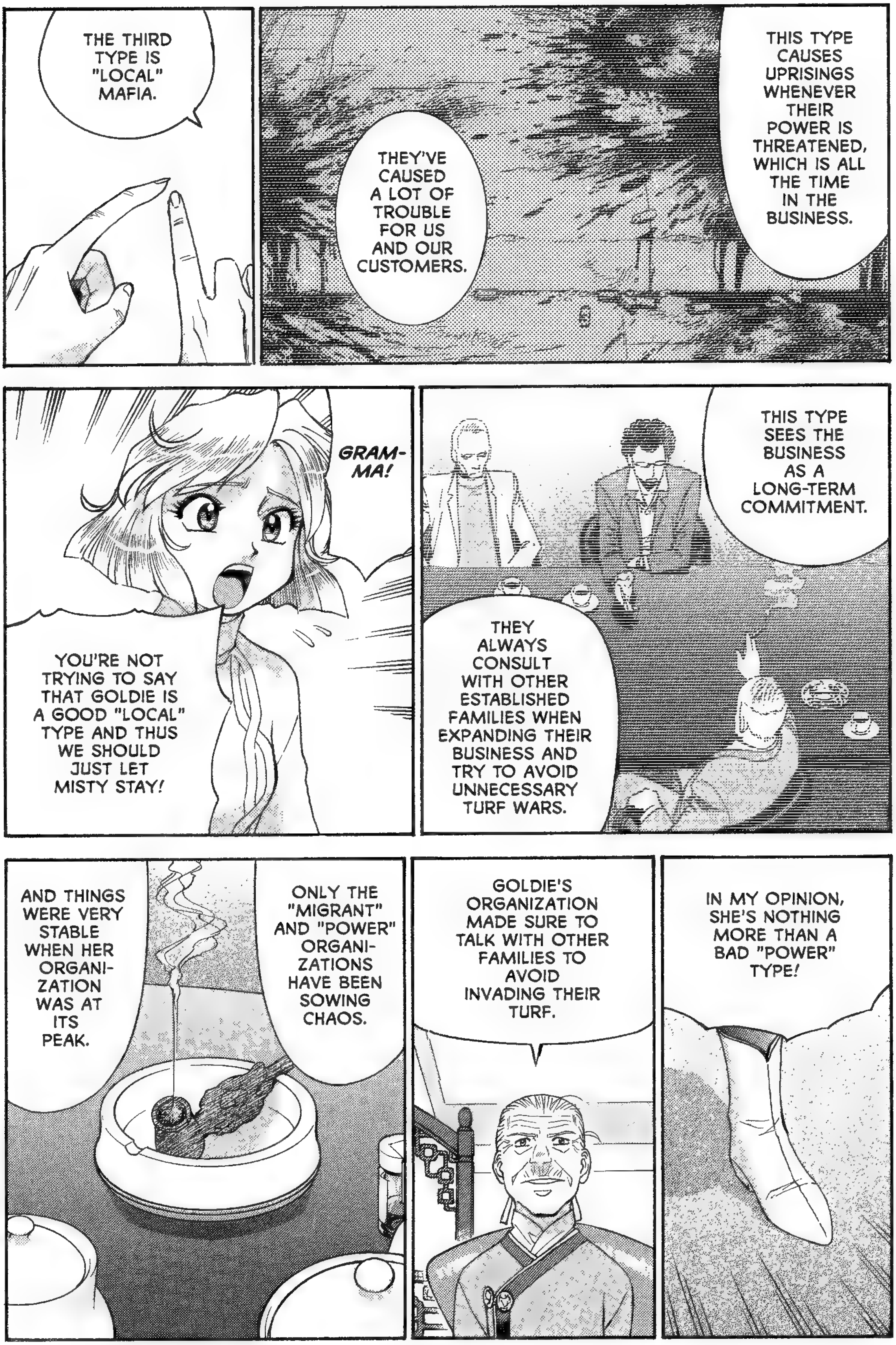
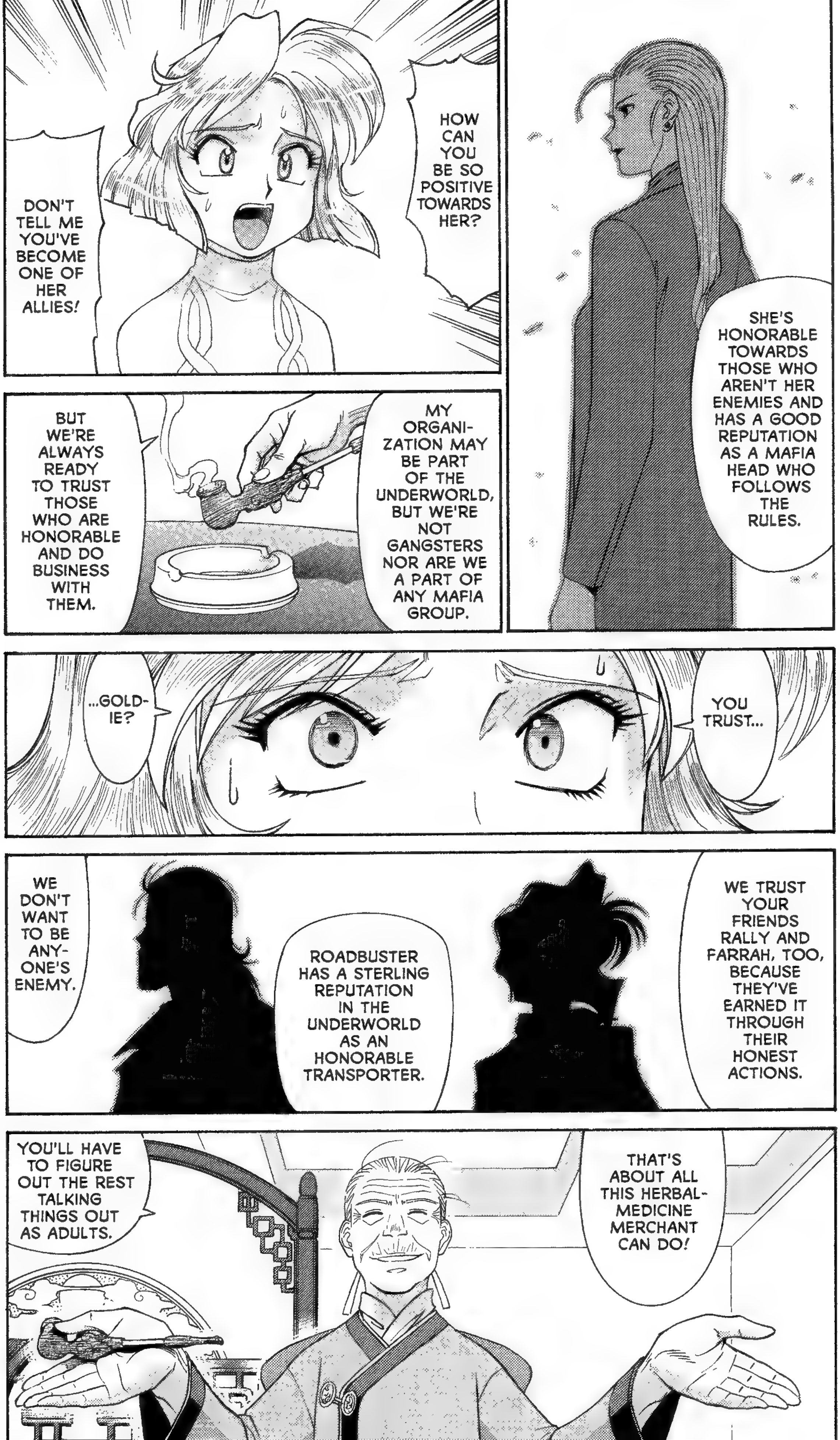
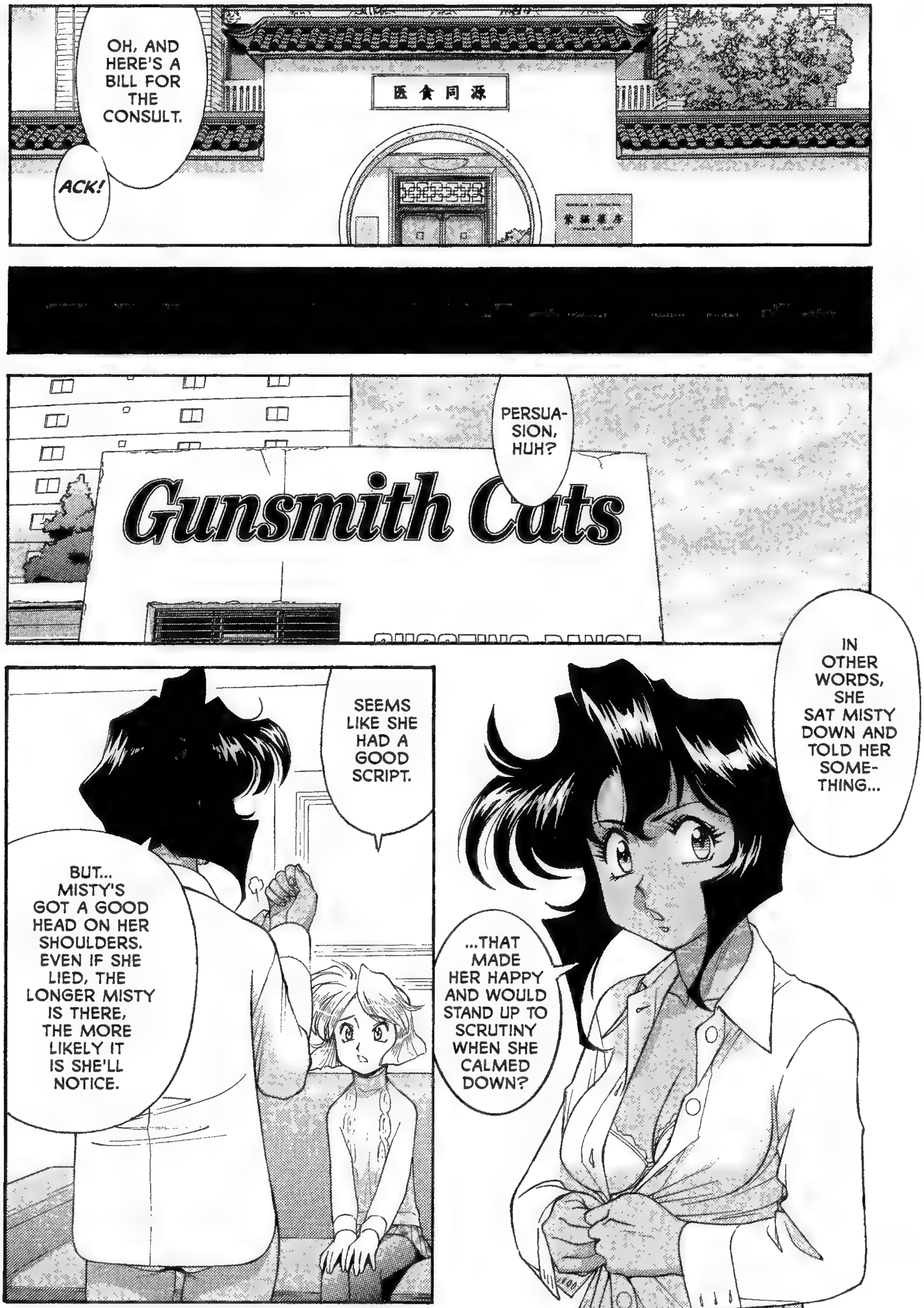

THIS TYPE OF BRAINWASHING USES A PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT, AND THUS YOU DON'T COME OUT OF THE STATE WHEN THINGS CALM DOWN.
WHAT? HOLD ON!
THEN IT CAN'T BE...!
YES. IF THIS MISTY GIRL HAS BEEN BRAINWASHED THIS WAY, ONLY PERSUASION WILL GET HER BACK.
SO THE DRUG IS NOTHING MORE THAN AN AID AND THE CONTENT OF THE PERSUASION IS MOST IMPORTANT.
I DOUBT SHE'S A FOOLISH PERSON...
...AND SHE'S PROBABLY PERKY AND STRAIGHTFORWARD.
NO, NOT FOOLISH.
BUT...
YEP!

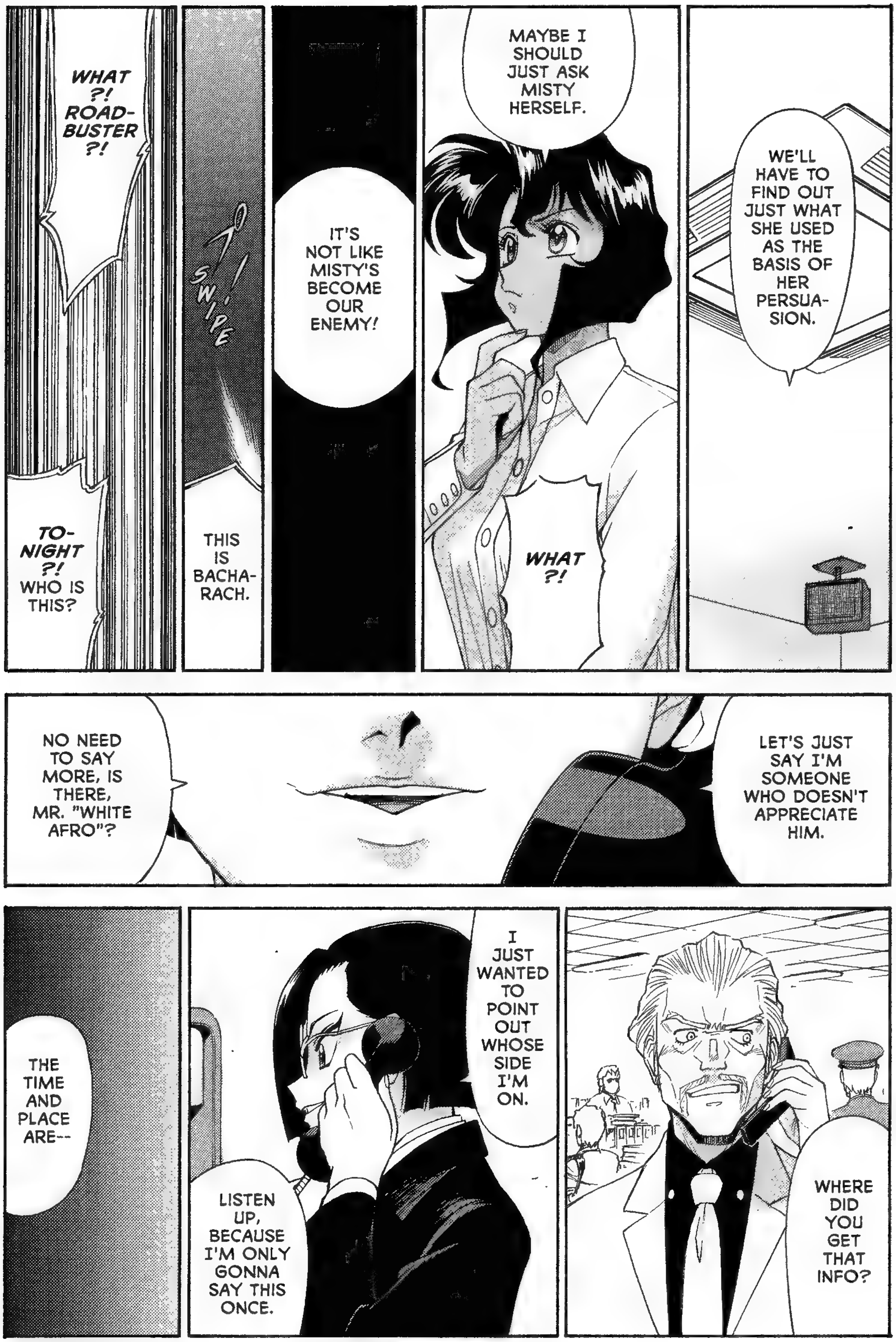

HEY! LOOK!
I BET THIS WILL TEMPT RALLY.
COLT
SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO KICK ME IN THE BEHIND!
TA DA!
IT'S A PYTHON WITH A SILENCER. RALLY HASN'T MADE ONE OF THESE.
WAH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP GOING ON ABOUT IT.
I'VE SEEN THEM IN MOVIES.
GUNSMITH
FIRST I HAD TO CHANGE THE RADIATOR...
...NOW IT'S THE WHOLE UNDERSIDE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY.
CAN I HAVE MY CUT NOW?
PLEASE!
WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE FOOLISH.
AND SHE IS A LESBIAN, JUST LIKE GOLDIE.

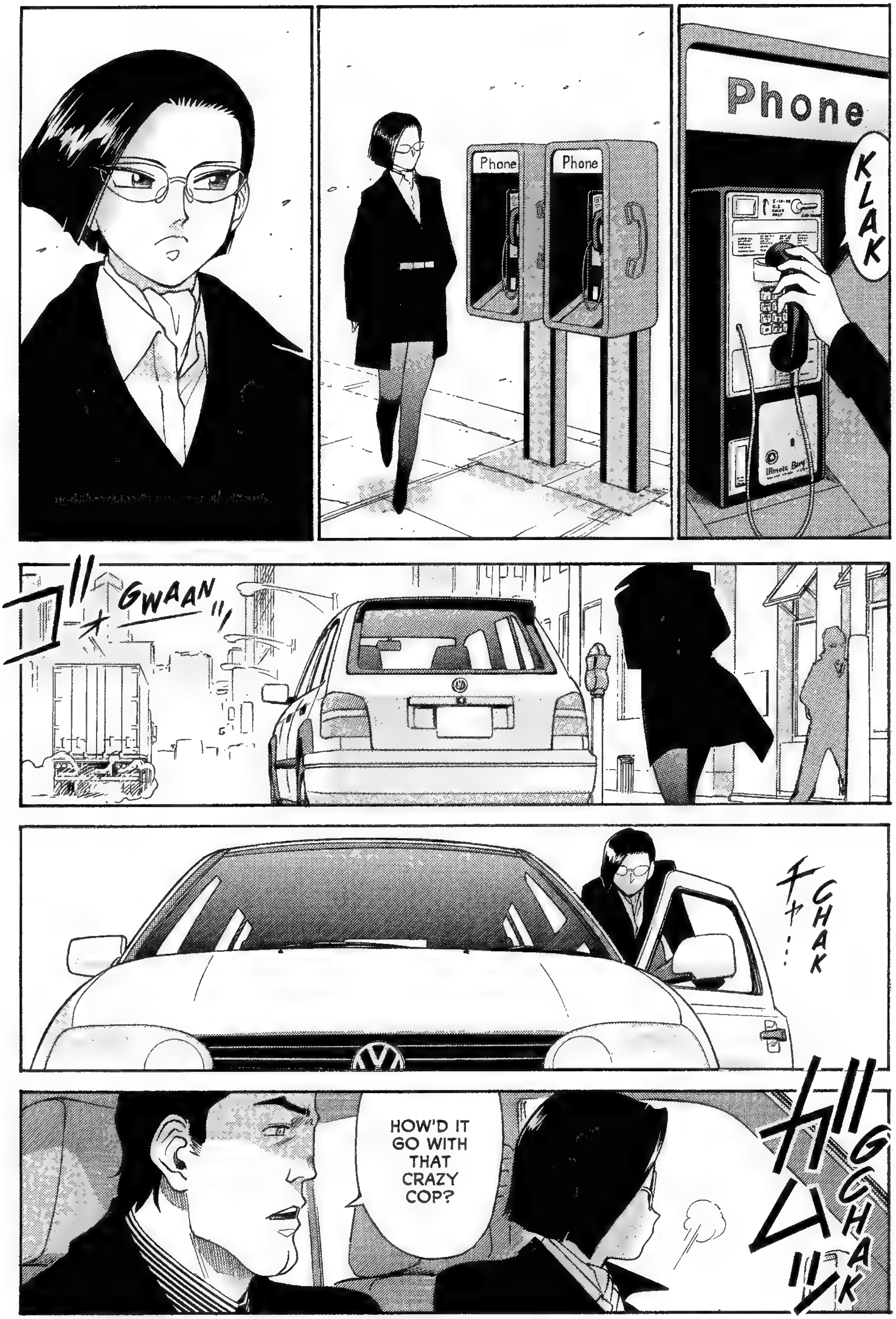

WHAT?! OH NO!
THAT COULD KILL IT.
IF SHE'S NATURALLY FOOLISH THEN ALMOST ANYTHING COULD HAVE BROUGHT HER BACK.
BUT IF SHE'S HALFWAY SMART AND A LESBIAN TO BOOT...
...THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE THAT SHE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK.
DON'T SAY THAT!
MAYBE YOU'RE JUST BETTER OFF LETTING GOLDIE KEEP HER AS A PET.
GRAM-MA HAO!
LISTEN UP.
AMONG THE MAFIA...
...THERE ARE THREE TYPES.
THREE AGAIN?
FIRST IS THE "MIGRANT" TYPE THAT STORMS IN TO AN AREA, CAUSES A LOT OF TROUBLE, AND THEN FLEES SOMEWHERE ELSE WHEN THINGS GET TOO HOT.
SECOND IS THE "POWER" TYPE THAT EXPANDS THEIR TERRITORY THROUGH FORCE AND GETS RID OF THE COMPETITION THROUGH VIOLENT MEANS.


THE THIRD TYPE IS "LOCAL" MAFIA.
THIS TYPE CAUSES UPRISINGS WHENEVER THEIR POWER IS THREATENED, WHICH IS ALL THE TIME IN THE BUSINESS.
THEY'VE CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR US AND OUR CUSTOMERS.
GRAMMA!
YOU'RE NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT GOLDIE IS A GOOD "LOCAL" TYPE AND THUS WE SHOULD JUST LET MISTY STAY!
THIS TYPE SEES THE BUSINESS AS A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT.
THEY ALWAYS CONSULT WITH OTHER ESTABLISHED FAMILIES WHEN EXPANDING THEIR BUSINESS AND TRY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TURF WARS.
AND THINGS WERE VERY STABLE WHEN HER ORGANIZATION WAS AT ITS PEAK.
ONLY THE "MIGRANT" AND "POWER" ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN SOWING CHAOS.
GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION MADE SURE TO TALK WITH OTHER FAMILIES TO AVOID INVADING THEIR TURF.
IN MY OPINION, SHE'S NOTHING MORE THAN A BAD "POWER" TYPE!


HOW CAN YOU BE SO POSITIVE TOWARDS HER?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE BECOME ONE OF HER ALLIES!
SHE'S HONORABLE TOWARDS THOSE WHO AREN'T HER ENEMIES AND HAS A GOOD REPUTATION AS A MAFIA HEAD WHO FOLLOWS THE RULES.
MY ORGANIZATION MAY BE PART OF THE UNDERWORLD, BUT WE'RE NOT GANGSTERS NOR ARE WE A PART OF ANY MAFIA GROUP.
BUT WE'RE ALWAYS READY TO TRUST THOSE WHO ARE HONORABLE AND DO BUSINESS WITH THEM.
YOU TRUST...
...GOLDIE?
WE TRUST YOUR FRIENDS RALLY AND FARRAH, TOO, BECAUSE THEY'VE EARNED IT THROUGH THEIR HONEST ACTIONS.
ROADBUSTER HAS A STERLING REPUTATION IN THE UNDERWORLD AS AN HONORABLE TRANSPORTER.
WE DON'T WANT TO BE ANYONE'S ENEMY.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL THIS HERBAL-MEDICINE MERCHANT CAN DO!
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT THE REST TALKING THINGS OUT AS ADULTS.


OH, AND HERE'S A BILL FOR THE CONSULT.
ACK!
医食同源
PERSUASION, HUH?
Gunsmith Cats
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE SAT MISTY DOWN AND TOLD HER SOMETHING...
...THAT MADE HER HAPPY AND WOULD STAND UP TO SCRUTINY WHEN SHE CALMED DOWN?
SEEMS LIKE SHE HAD A GOOD SCRIPT.
BUT... MISTY'S GOT A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS. EVEN IF SHE LIED, THE LONGER MISTY IS THERE, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS SHE'LL NOTICE.


WE'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT SHE USED AS THE BASIS OF HER PERSUASION.
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST ASK MISTY HERSELF.
WHAT ?!
IT'S NOT LIKE MISTY'S BECOME OUR ENEMY!
SWIPE
THIS IS BACHARACH.
WHAT ?! ROADBUSTER ?!
TONIGHT ?! WHO IS THIS?
LET'S JUST SAY I'M SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T APPRECIATE HIM.
NO NEED TO SAY MORE, IS THERE, MR. "WHITE AFRO"?
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT INFO?
I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT WHOSE SIDE I'M ON.
LISTEN UP, BECAUSE I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE.
THE TIME AND PLACE ARE--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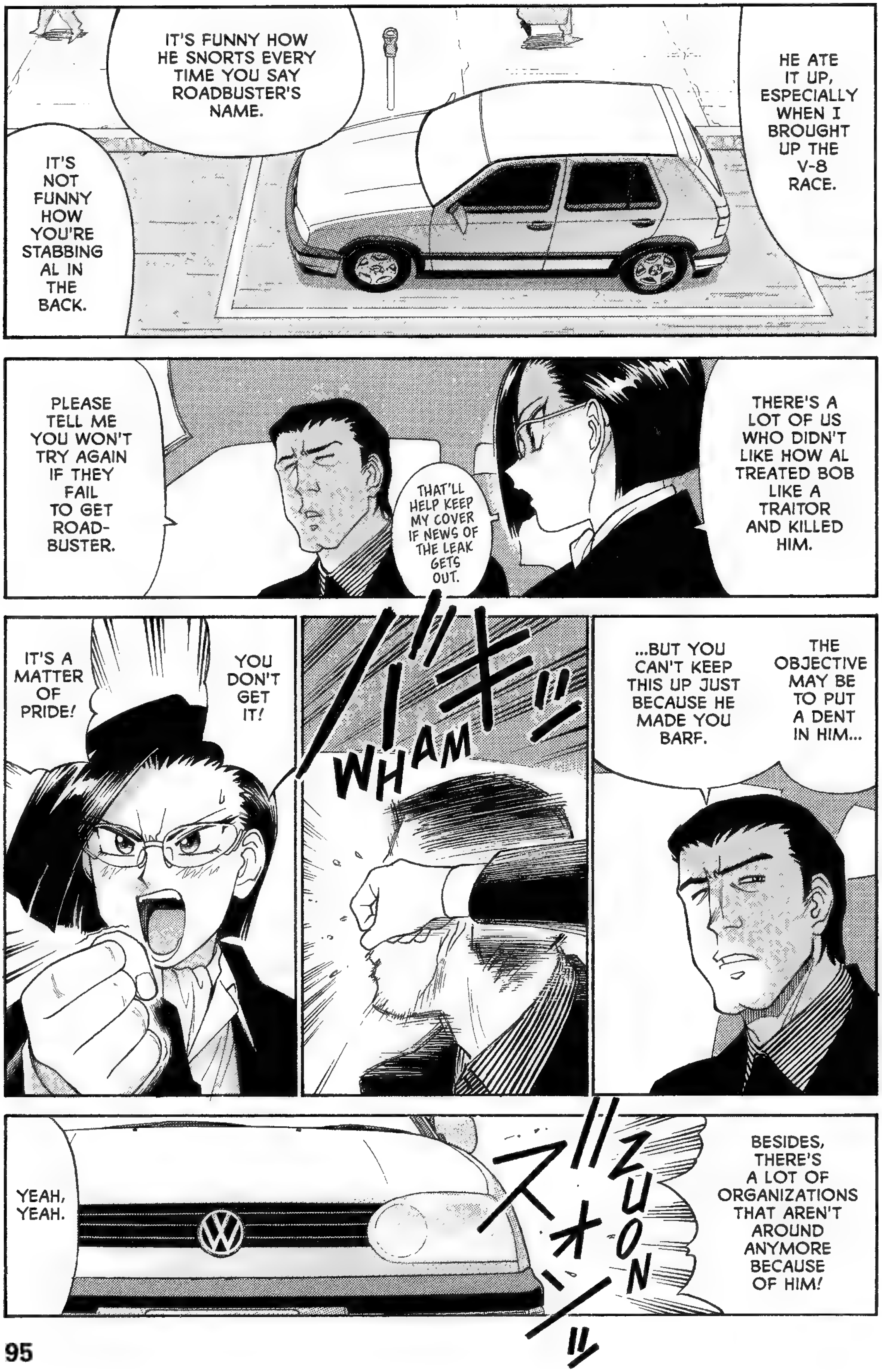
HE ATE IT UP, ESPECIALLY WHEN I BROUGHT UP THE V-8 RACE.
IT'S FUNNY HOW HE SNORTS EVERY TIME YOU SAY ROADBUSTER'S NAME.
IT'S NOT FUNNY HOW YOU'RE STABBING AL IN THE BACK.
THERE'S A LOT OF US WHO DIDN'T LIKE HOW AL TREATED BOB LIKE A TRAITOR AND KILLED HIM.
THAT'LL HELP KEEP MY COVER IF NEWS OF THE LEAK GETS OUT.
PLEASE TELL ME YOU WON'T TRY AGAIN IF THEY FAIL TO GET ROAD-BUSTER.
THE OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO PUT A DENT IN HIM...
...BUT YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS UP JUST BECAUSE HE MADE YOU BARF.
バキッ
WHAM
YOU DON'T GET IT!
IT'S A MATTER OF PRIDE!
BESIDES, THERE'S A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT AREN'T AROUND ANYMORE BECAUSE OF HIM!
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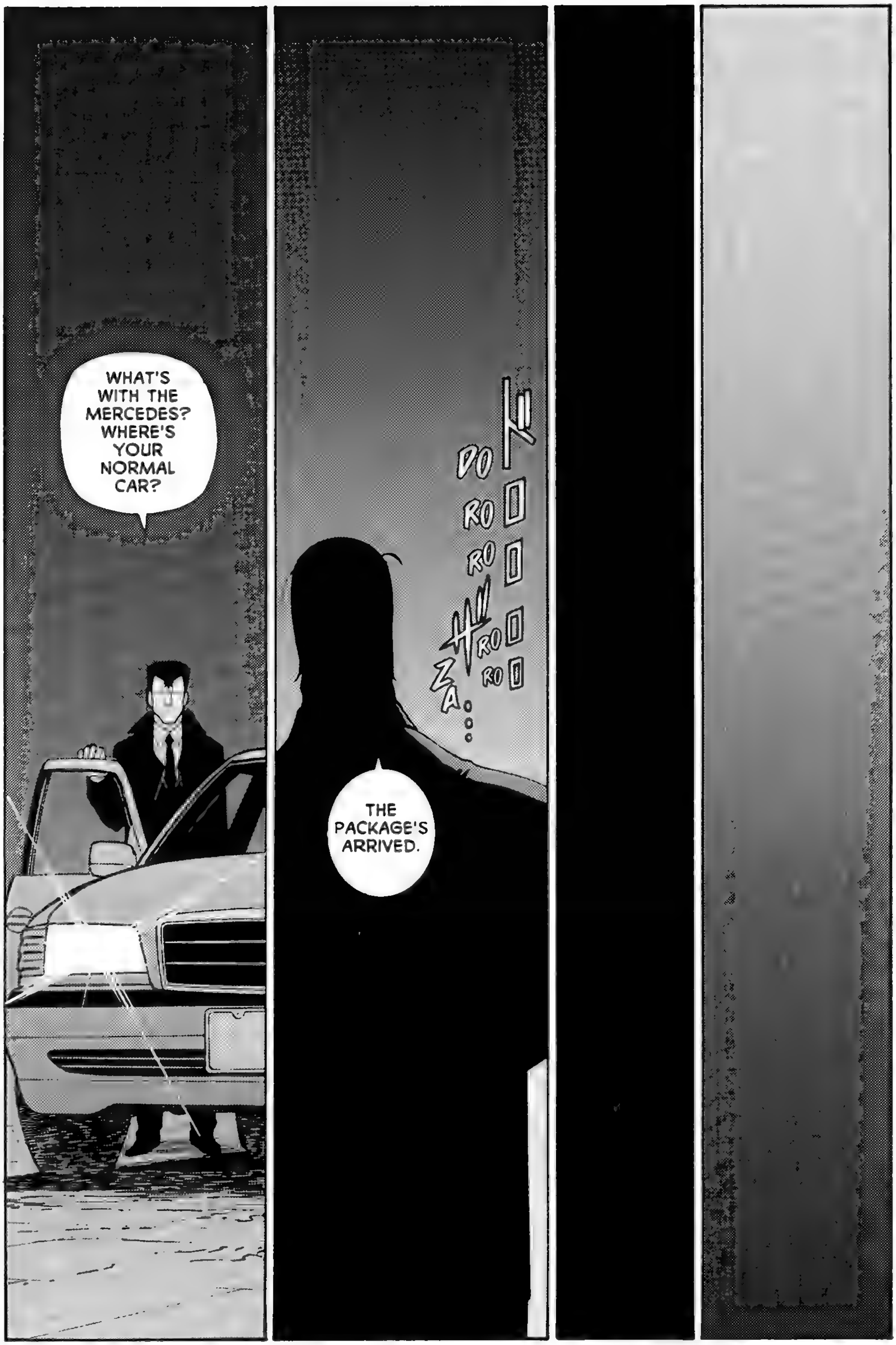
ZUON
YEAH, YEAH.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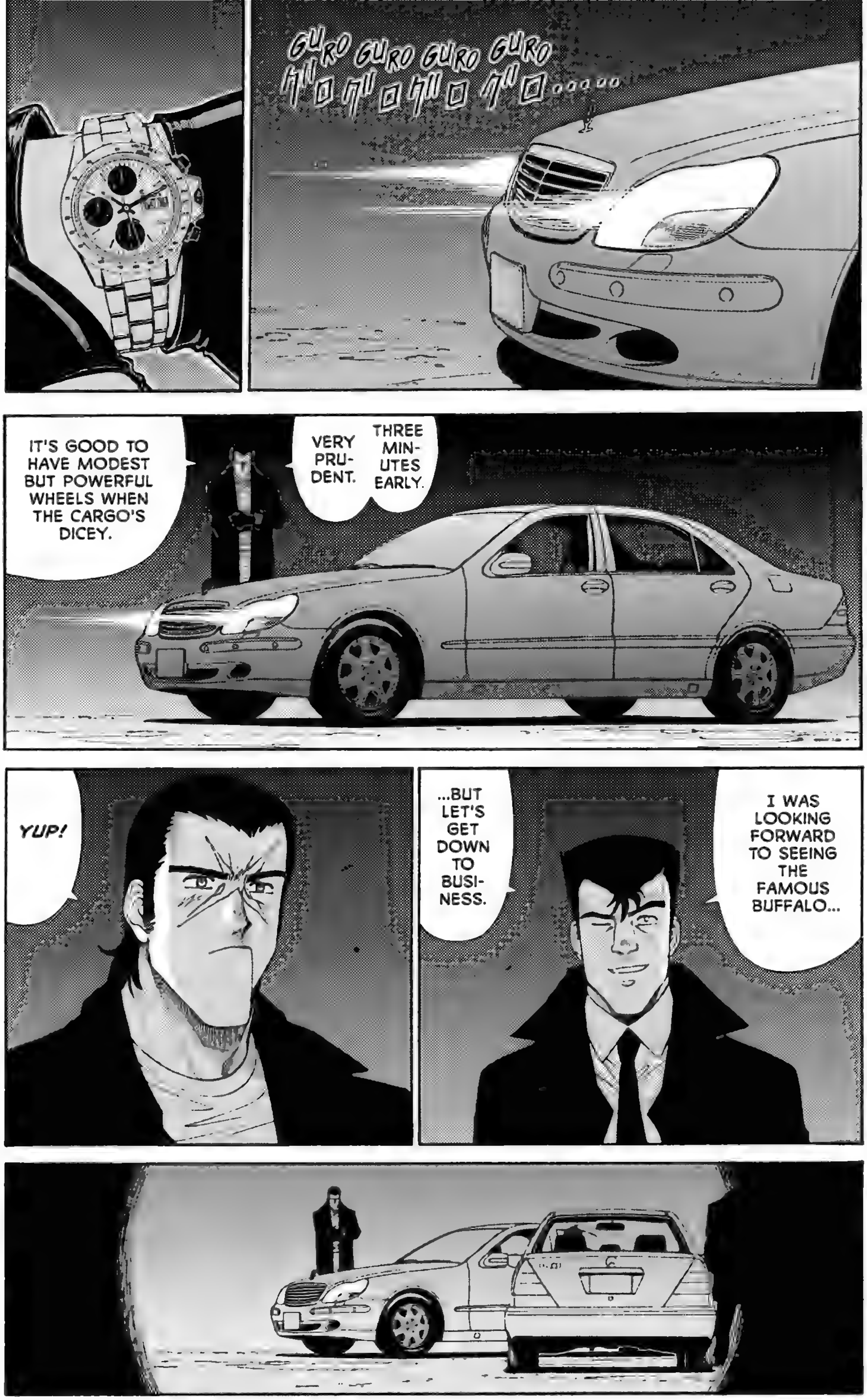
ZA…
THE PACKAGE'S ARRIVED.
WHAT'S WITH THE MERCEDES? WHERE'S YOUR NORMAL CAR?


GURO GURO GURO GURO
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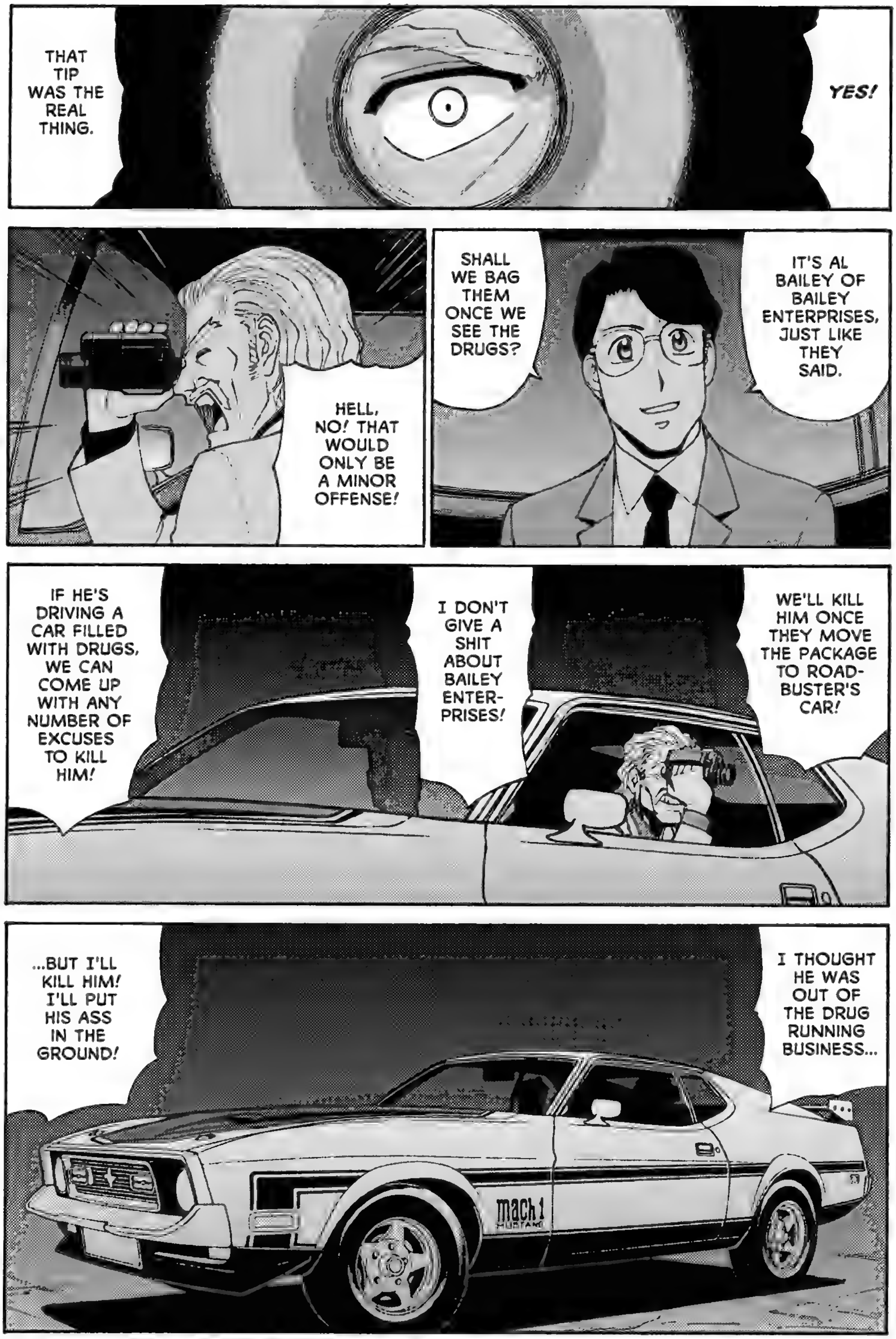
THREE MINUTES EARLY.
VERY PRUDENT.
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE MODEST BUT POWERFUL WHEELS WHEN THE CARGO'S DICEY.
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THE FAMOUS BUFFALO...
...BUT LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS.
YUP!


YES!
THAT TIP WAS THE REAL THING.
IT'S AL BAILEY OF BAILEY ENTERPRISES, JUST LIKE THEY SAID.
SHALL WE BAG THEM ONCE WE SEE THE DRUGS?
HELL, NO! THAT WOULD ONLY BE A MINOR OFFENSE!
WE'LL KILL HIM ONCE THEY MOVE THE PACKAGE TO ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR!
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT BAILEY ENTERPRISES!
IF HE'S DRIVING A CAR FILLED WITH DRUGS, WE CAN COME UP WITH ANY NUMBER OF EXCUSES TO KILL HIM!
I THOUGHT HE WAS OUT OF THE DRUG RUNNING BUSINESS...
...BUT I'LL KILL HIM! I'LL PUT HIS ASS IN THE GROUND!
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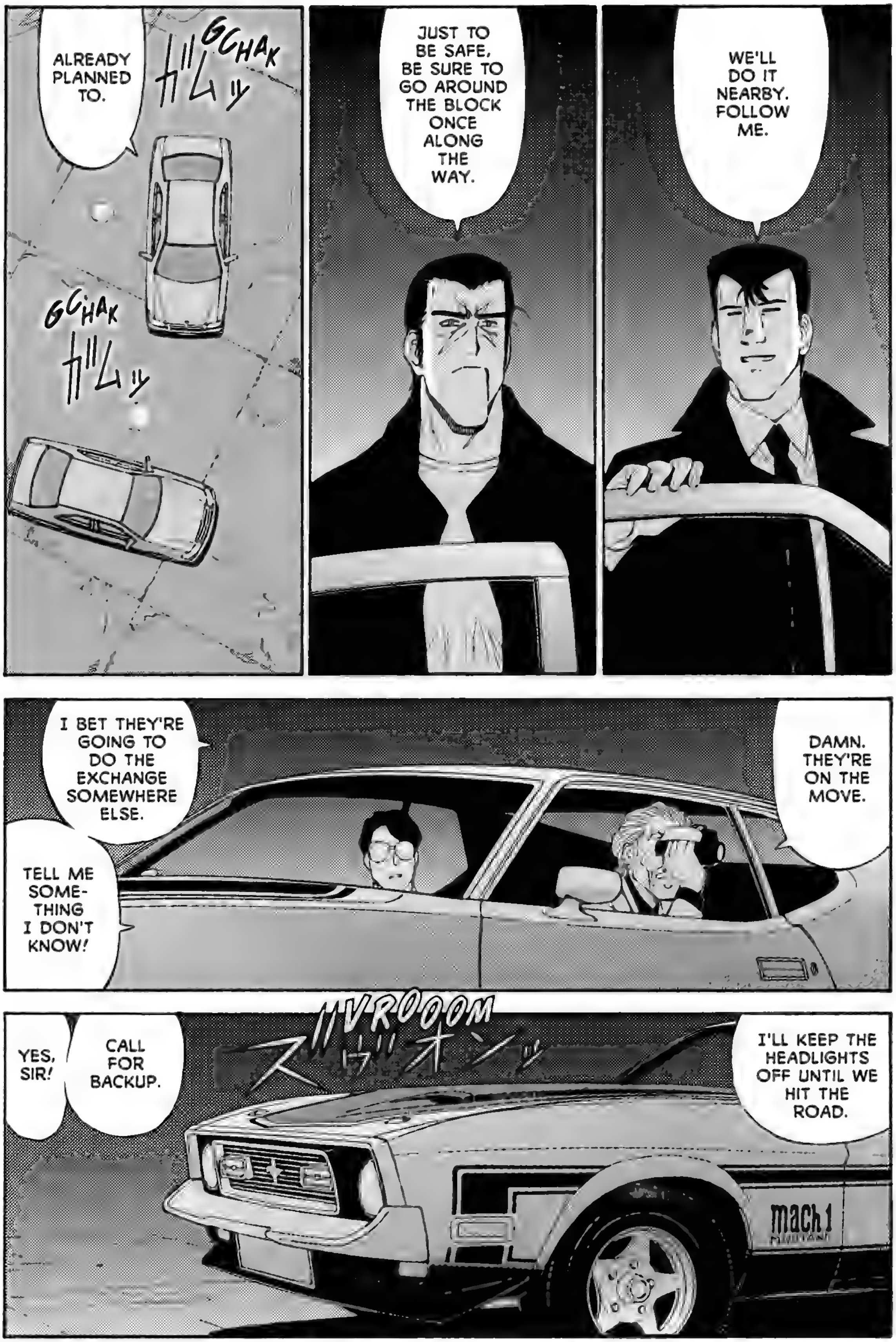
WE'LL DO IT NEARBY. FOLLOW ME.
JUST TO BE SAFE, BE SURE TO GO AROUND THE BLOCK ONCE ALONG THE WAY.
ALREADY PLANNED TO.
GGHAK ガムッ
GGHAK ガムッ
DAMN. THEY'RE ON THE MOVE.
I BET THEY'RE GOING TO DO THE EXCHANGE SOMEWHERE ELSE.
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW!
I'LL KEEP THE HEADLIGHTS OFF UNTIL WE HIT THE ROAD.
VROOOM スヴォンッ
CALL FOR BACKUP.
YES, SIR!
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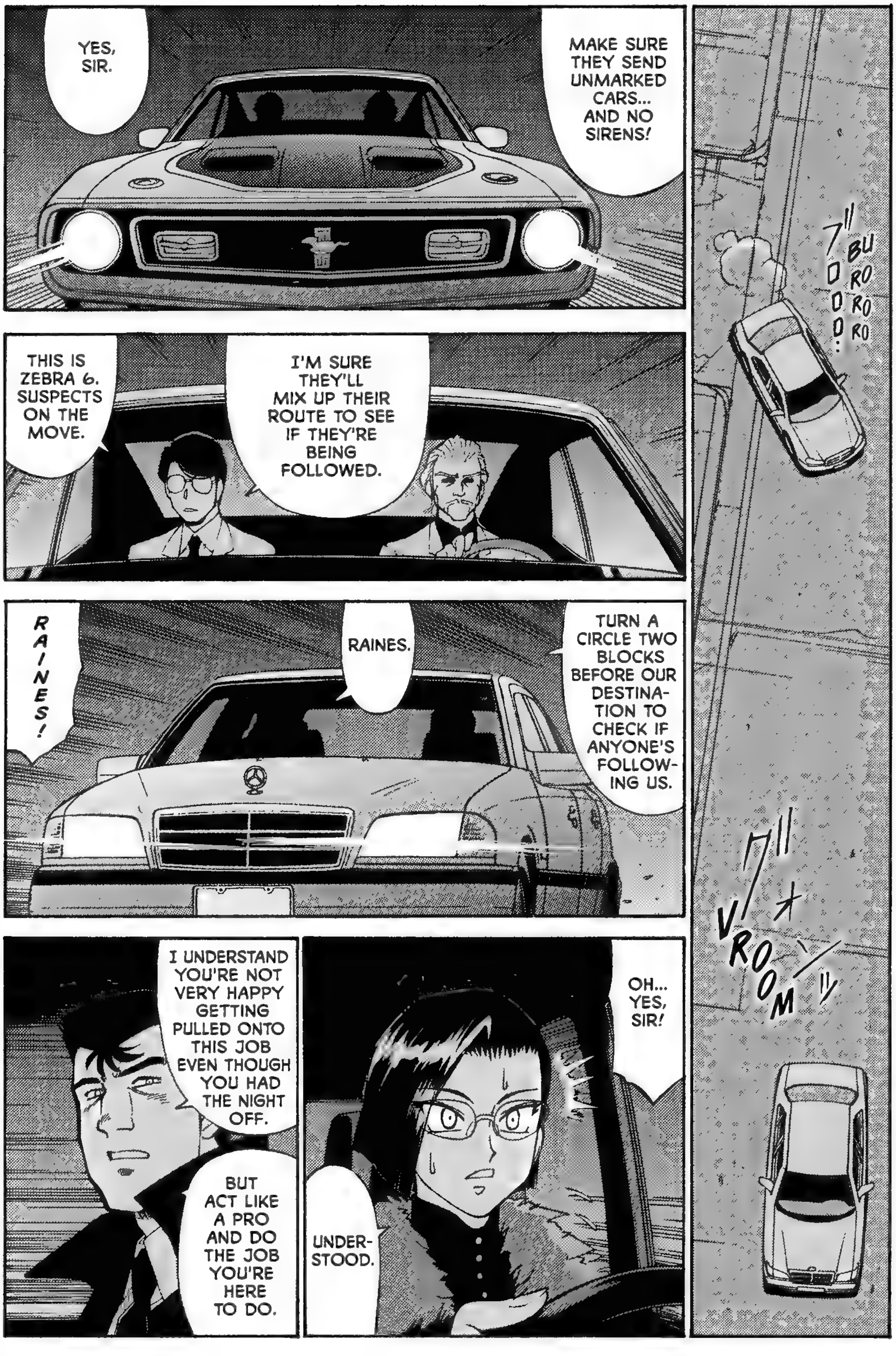
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BU RO RO RO
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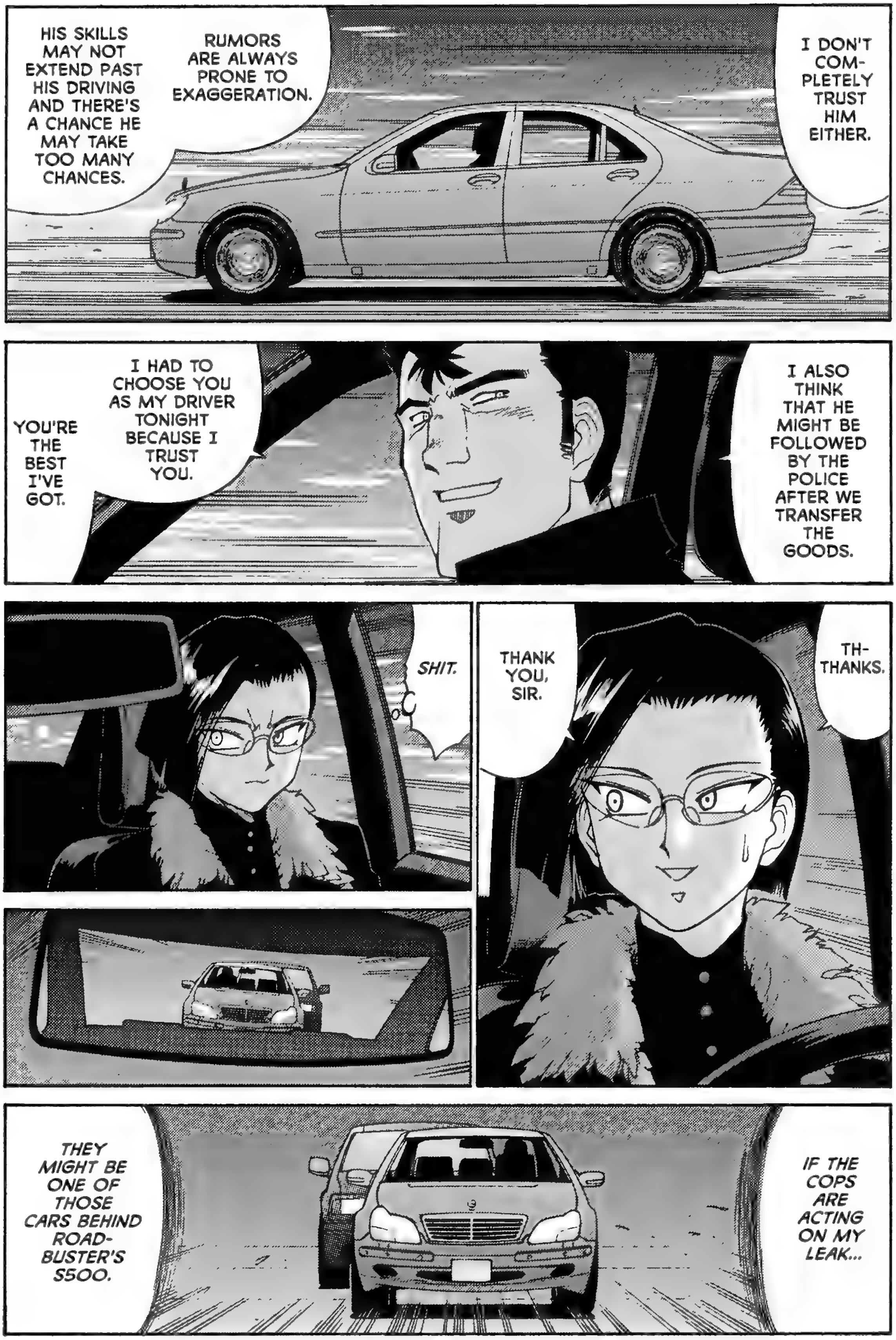
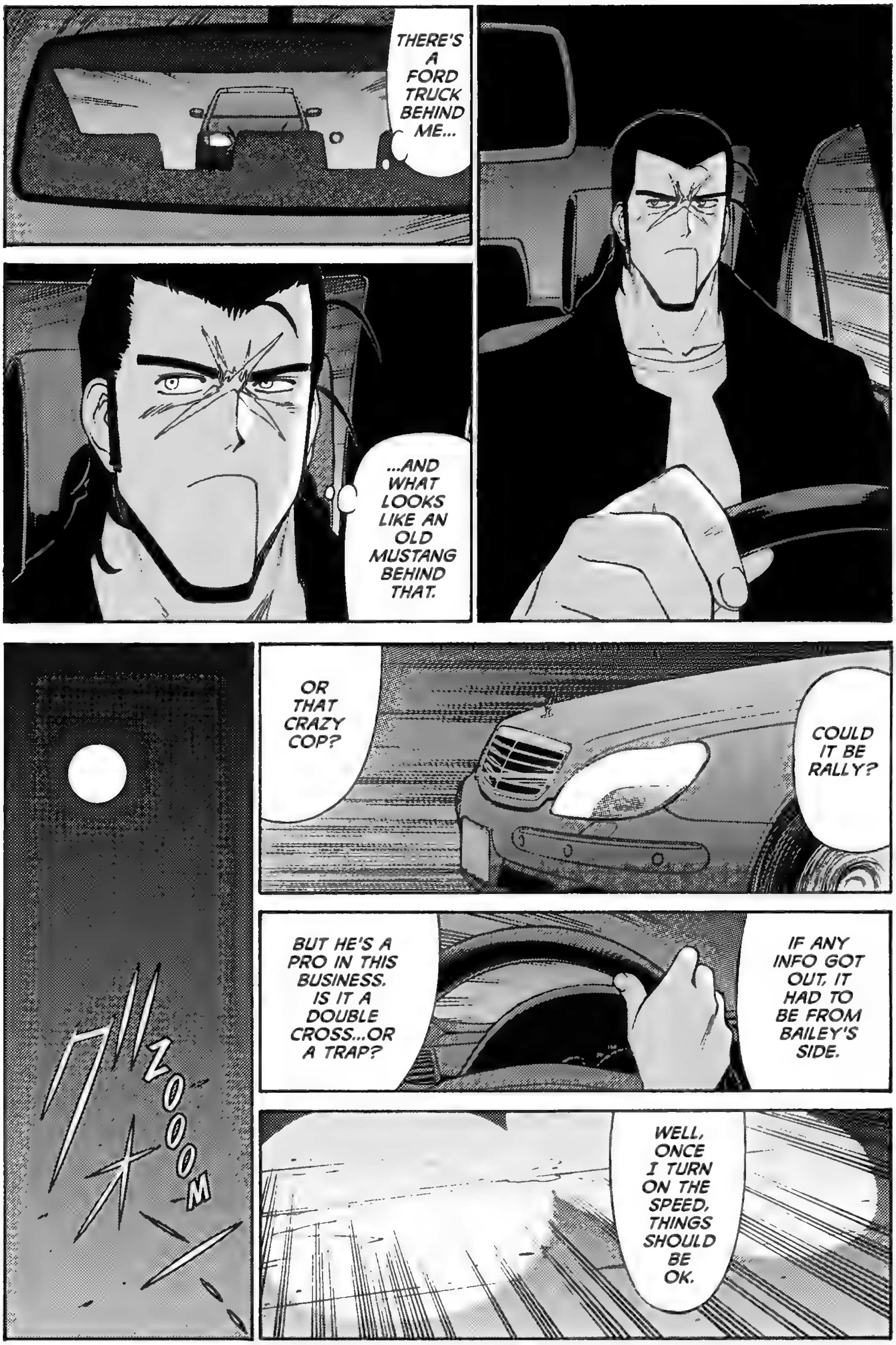
VROOM
MAKE SURE THEY SEND UNMARKED CARS... AND NO SIRENS!
YES, SIR.
I'M SURE THEY'LL MIX UP THEIR ROUTE TO SEE IF THEY'RE BEING FOLLOWED.
THIS IS ZEBRA 6. SUSPECTS ON THE MOVE.
TURN A CIRCLE TWO BLOCKS BEFORE OUR DESTINATION TO CHECK IF ANYONE'S FOLLOWING US.
RAINES.
RAINES!
OH... YES, SIR!
UNDERSTOOD.
I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE NOT VERY HAPPY GETTING PULLED ONTO THIS JOB EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD THE NIGHT OFF.
BUT ACT LIKE A PRO AND DO THE JOB YOU'RE HERE TO DO.


I DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST HIM EITHER.
RUMORS ARE ALWAYS PRONE TO EXAGGERATION.
HIS SKILLS MAY NOT EXTEND PAST HIS DRIVING AND THERE'S A CHANCE HE MAY TAKE TOO MANY CHANCES.
I ALSO THINK THAT HE MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE POLICE AFTER WE TRANSFER THE GOODS.
I HAD TO CHOOSE YOU AS MY DRIVER TONIGHT BECAUSE I TRUST YOU.
YOU'RE THE BEST I'VE GOT.
TH- THANKS.
THANK YOU, SIR.
SHIT.
IF THE COPS ARE ACTING ON MY LEAK...
THEY MIGHT BE ONE OF THOSE CARS BEHIND ROAD-BUSTER'S S500.


THERE'S A FORD TRUCK BEHIND ME...
...AND WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN OLD MUSTANG BEHIND THAT.
COULD IT BE RALLY?
OR THAT CRAZY COP?
IF ANY INFO GOT OUT, IT HAD TO BE FROM BAILEY'S SIDE.
BUT HE'S A PRO IN THIS BUSINESS. IS IT A DOUBLE CROSS...OR A TRAP?
WELL, ONCE I TURN ON THE SPEED, THINGS SHOULD BE OK.
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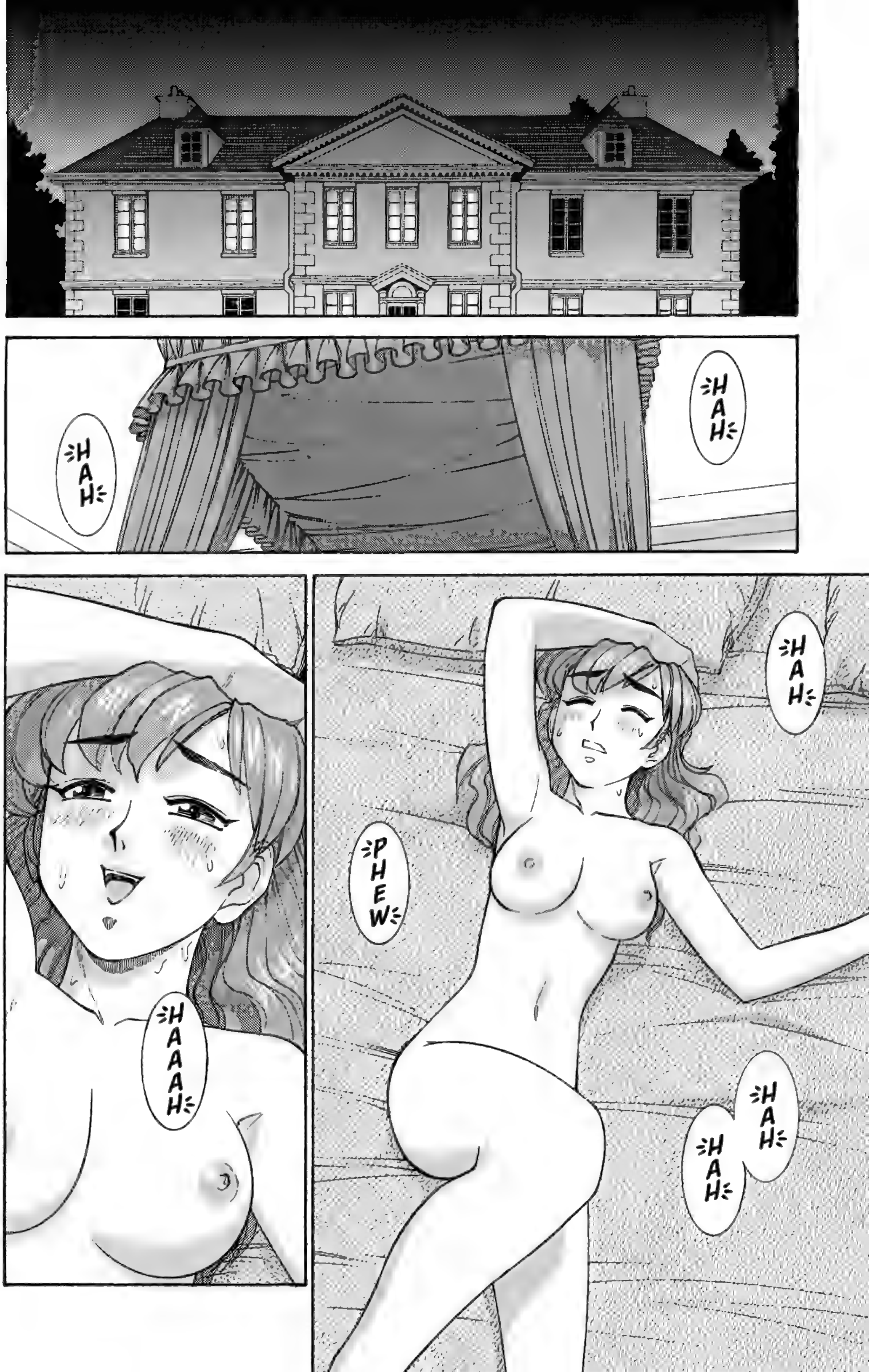
ZOOOM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PHEW
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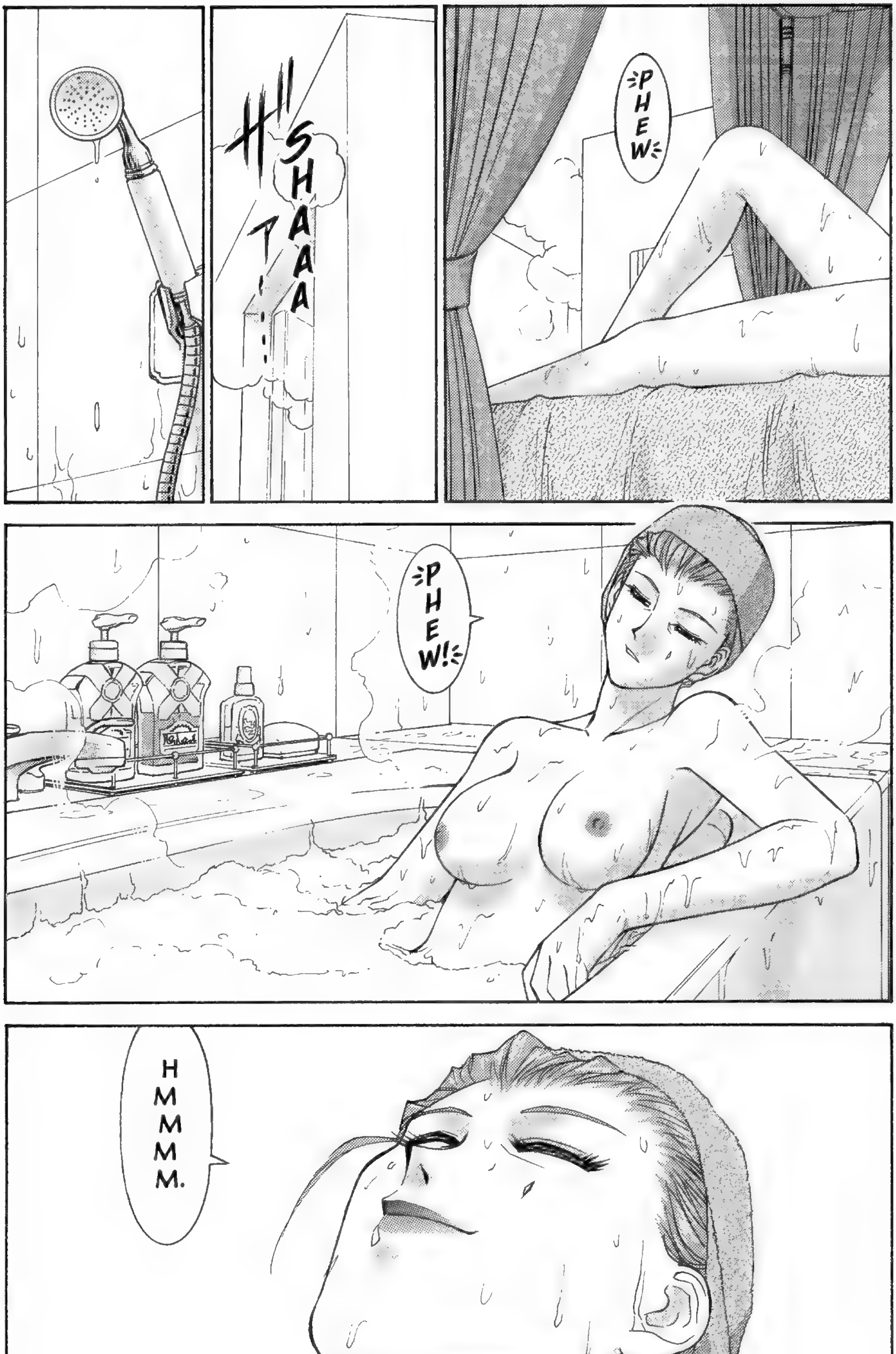
HAAAAH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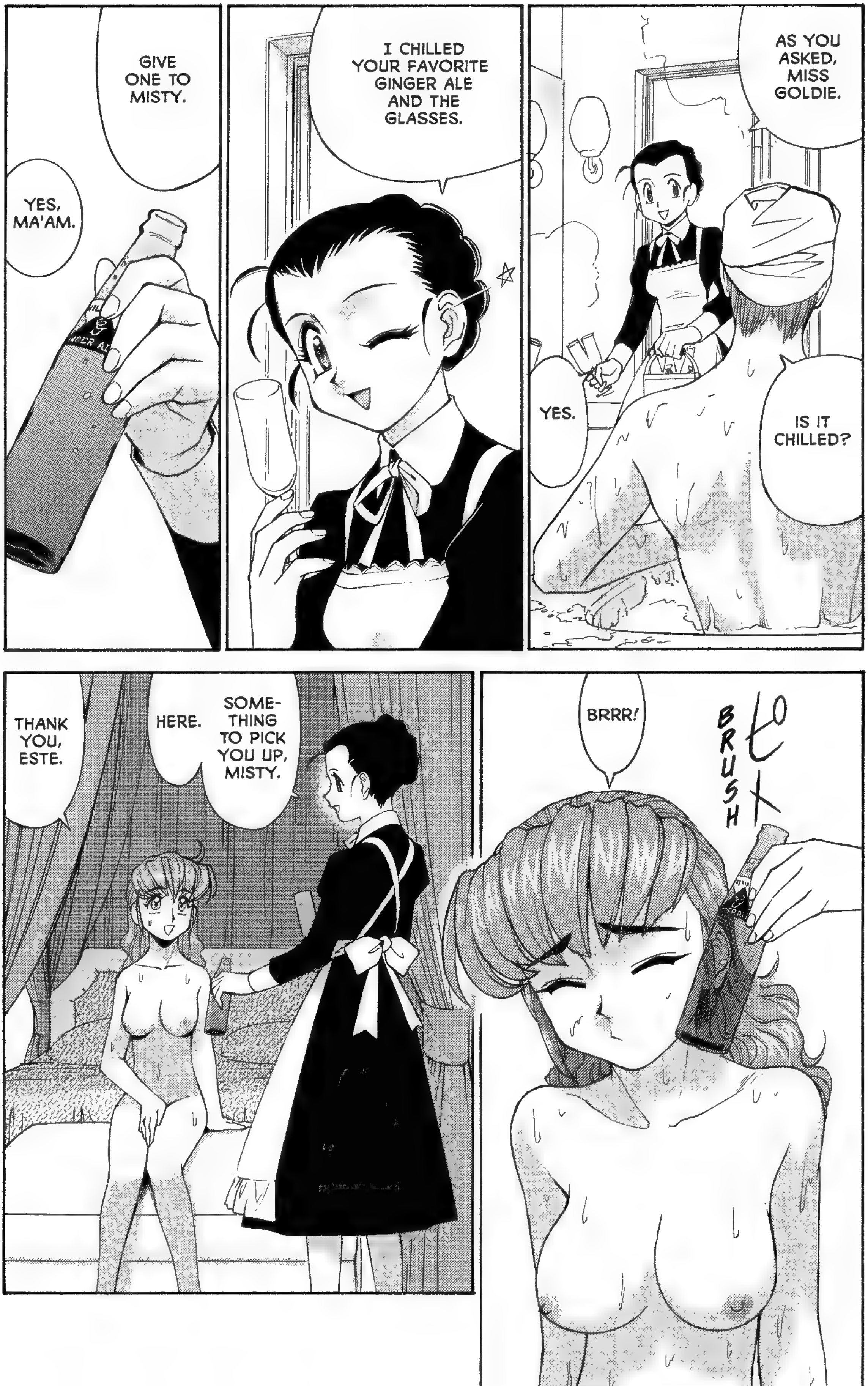
SHAAAA
PHEW!
HMMMM.


AS YOU ASKED, MISS GOLDIE.
IS IT CHILLED?
YES.
I CHILLED YOUR FAVORITE GINGER ALE AND THE GLASSES.
GIVE ONE TO MISTY.
YES, MA'AM.
BRRR!
BRUSH
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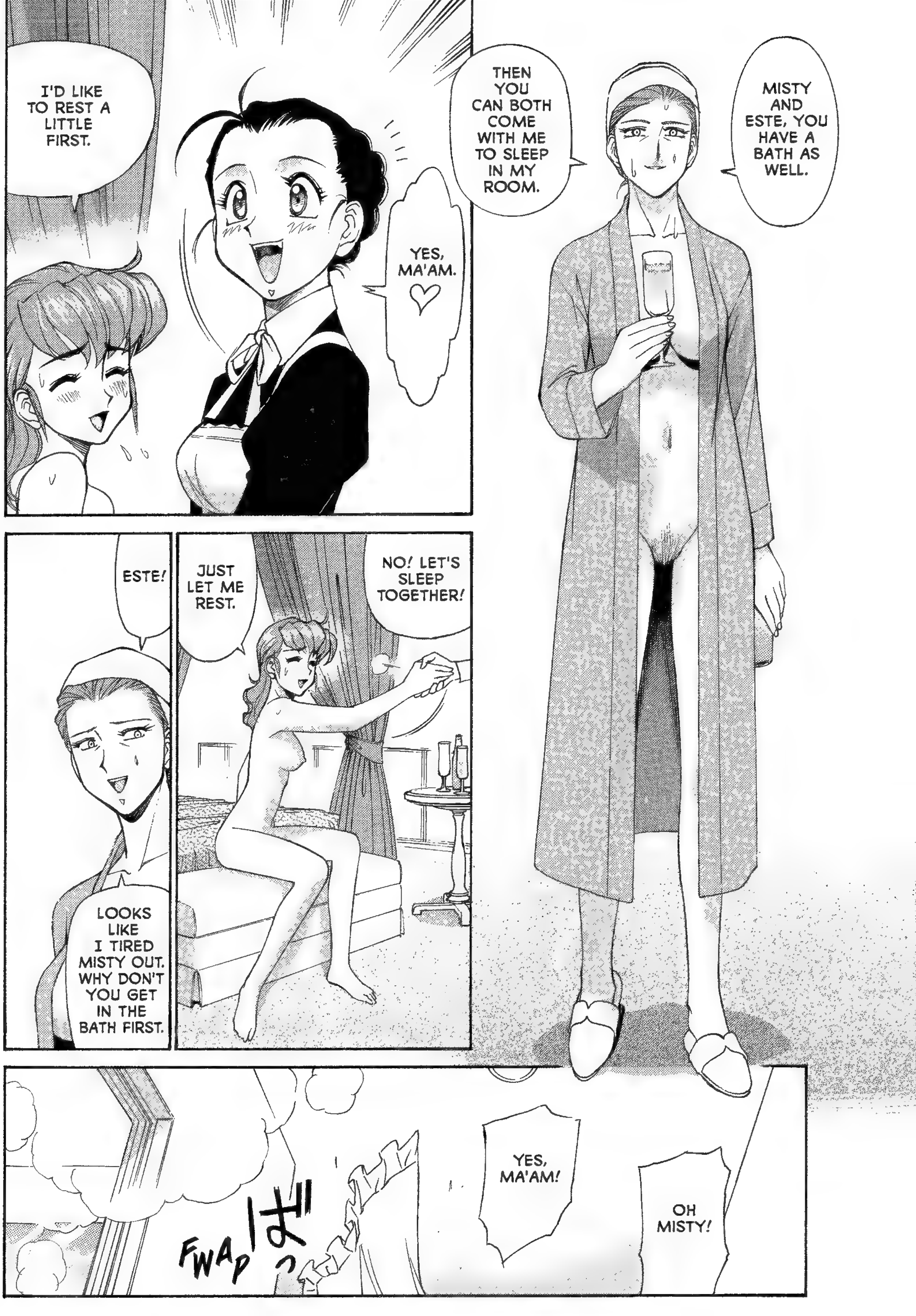
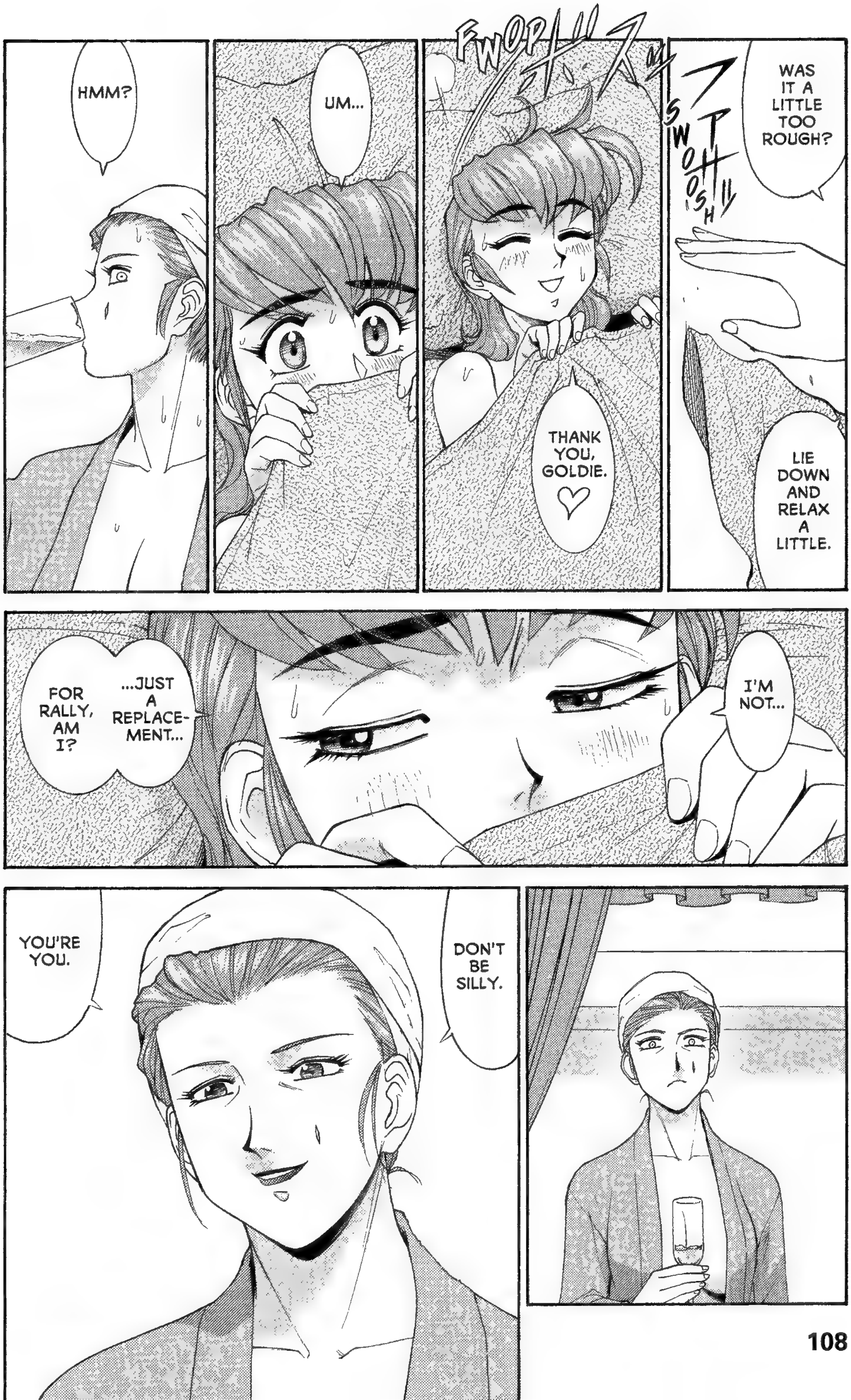
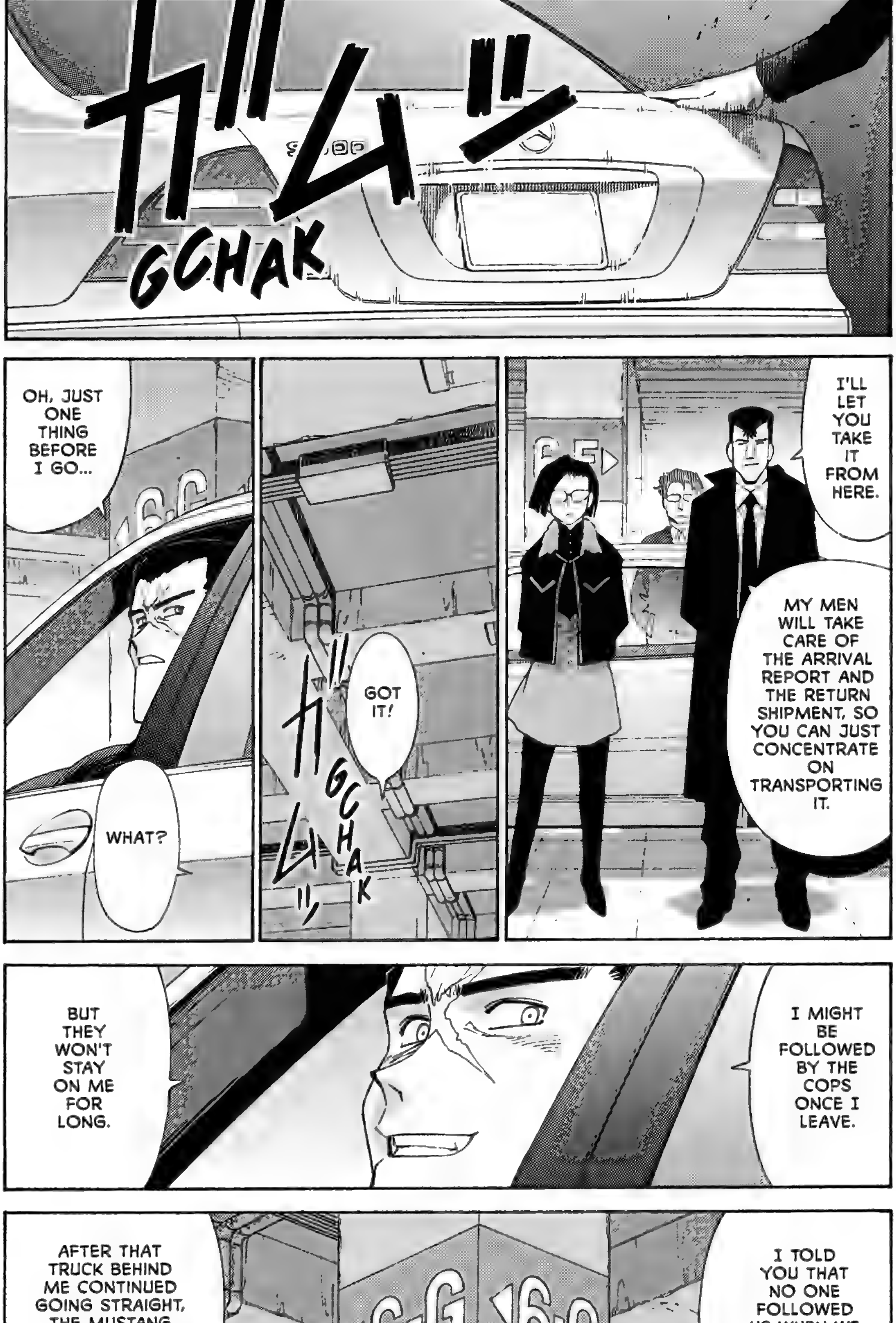
SOME-THING TO PICK YOU UP, MISTY.
HERE.
THANK YOU, ESTE.


I'D LIKE TO REST A LITTLE FIRST.
YES, MA'AM. ♡
MISTY AND ESTE, YOU HAVE A BATH AS WELL.
THEN YOU CAN BOTH COME WITH ME TO SLEEP IN MY ROOM.
ESTE!
LOOKS LIKE I TIRED MISTY OUT. WHY DON'T YOU GET IN THE BATH FIRST.
JUST LET ME REST.
NO! LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER!
FWAP ばっ
YES, MA'AM!
OH MISTY!


WAS IT A LITTLE TOO ROUGH?
SWOOSH
LIE DOWN AND RELAX A LITTLE.
FWOP
THANK YOU, GOLDIE. ♡
UM...
HMM?
I'M NOT...
...JUST A REPLACEMENT...
FOR RALLY, AM I?
DON'T BE SILLY.
YOU'RE YOU.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GCHAK
6-F▷
I'LL LET YOU TAKE IT FROM HERE.
MY MEN WILL TAKE CARE OF THE ARRIVAL REPORT AND THE RETURN SHIPMENT, SO YOU CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON TRANSPORTING IT.
GOT IT!
ガ゛ム゛
GCHAK
◁6-G
OH, JUST ONE THING BEFORE I GO...
WHAT?
I MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY THE COPS ONCE I LEAVE.
BUT THEY WON'T STAY ON ME FOR LONG.
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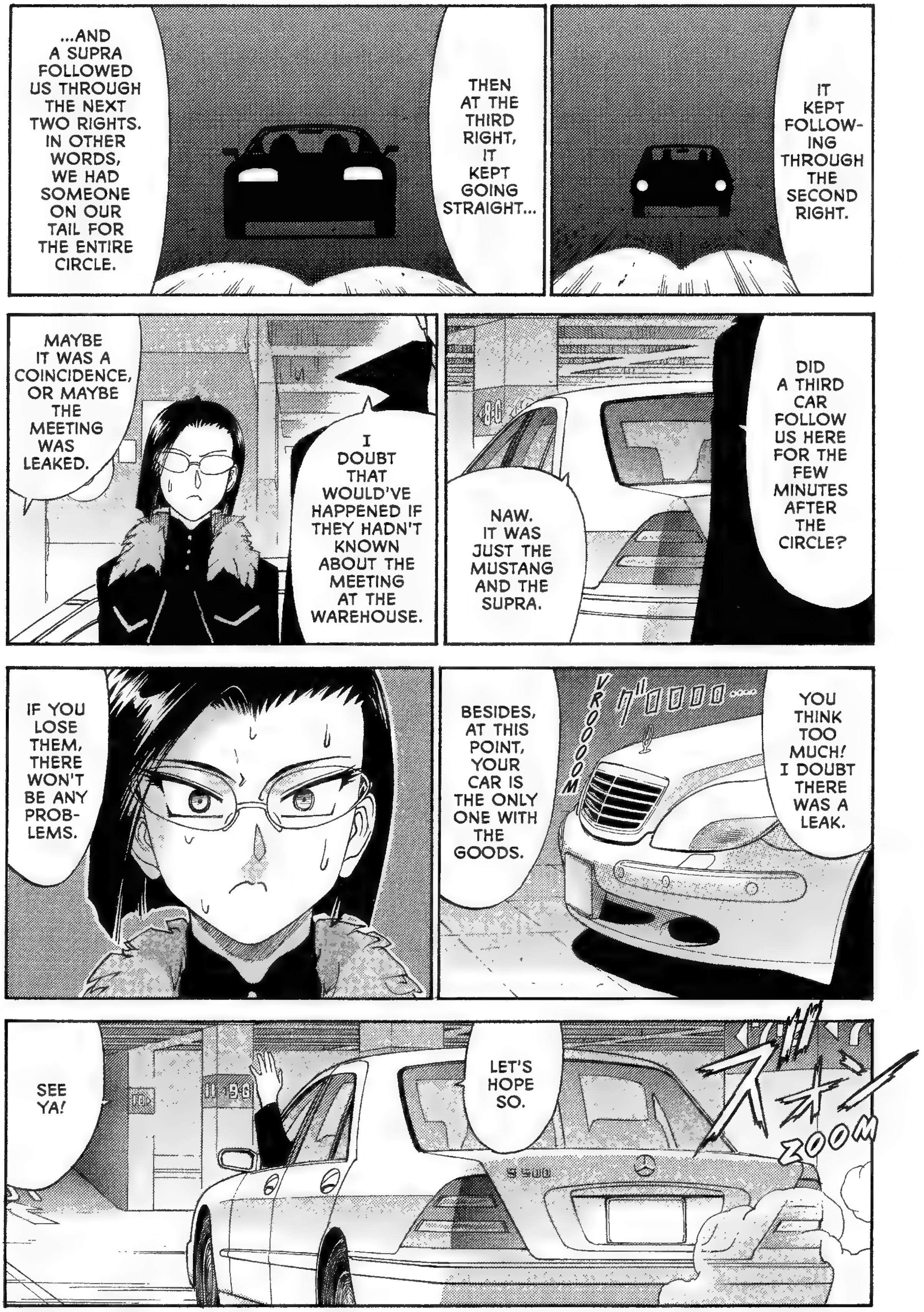
I TOLD YOU THAT NO ONE FOLLOWED US WHEN WE CIRCLED THE BLOCK!
AFTER THAT TRUCK BEHIND ME CONTINUED GOING STRAIGHT, THE MUSTANG BEHIND IT DIDN'T CLOSE THE GAP AT ALL.


IT KEPT FOLLOWING THROUGH THE SECOND RIGHT.
THEN AT THE THIRD RIGHT, IT KEPT GOING STRAIGHT...
...AND A SUPRA FOLLOWED US THROUGH THE NEXT TWO RIGHTS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAD SOMEONE ON OUR TAIL FOR THE ENTIRE CIRCLE.
DID A THIRD CAR FOLLOW US HERE FOR THE FEW MINUTES AFTER THE CIRCLE?
NAW. IT WAS JUST THE MUSTANG AND THE SUPRA.
I DOUBT THAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF THEY HADN'T KNOWN ABOUT THE MEETING AT THE WAREHOUSE.
MAYBE IT WAS A COINCIDENCE, OR MAYBE THE MEETING WAS LEAKED.
YOU THINK TOO MUCH! I DOUBT THERE WAS A LEAK.
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VROOOOOOM
BESIDES, AT THIS POINT, YOUR CAR IS THE ONLY ONE WITH THE GOODS.
IF YOU LOSE THEM, THERE WON'T BE ANY PROBLEMS.
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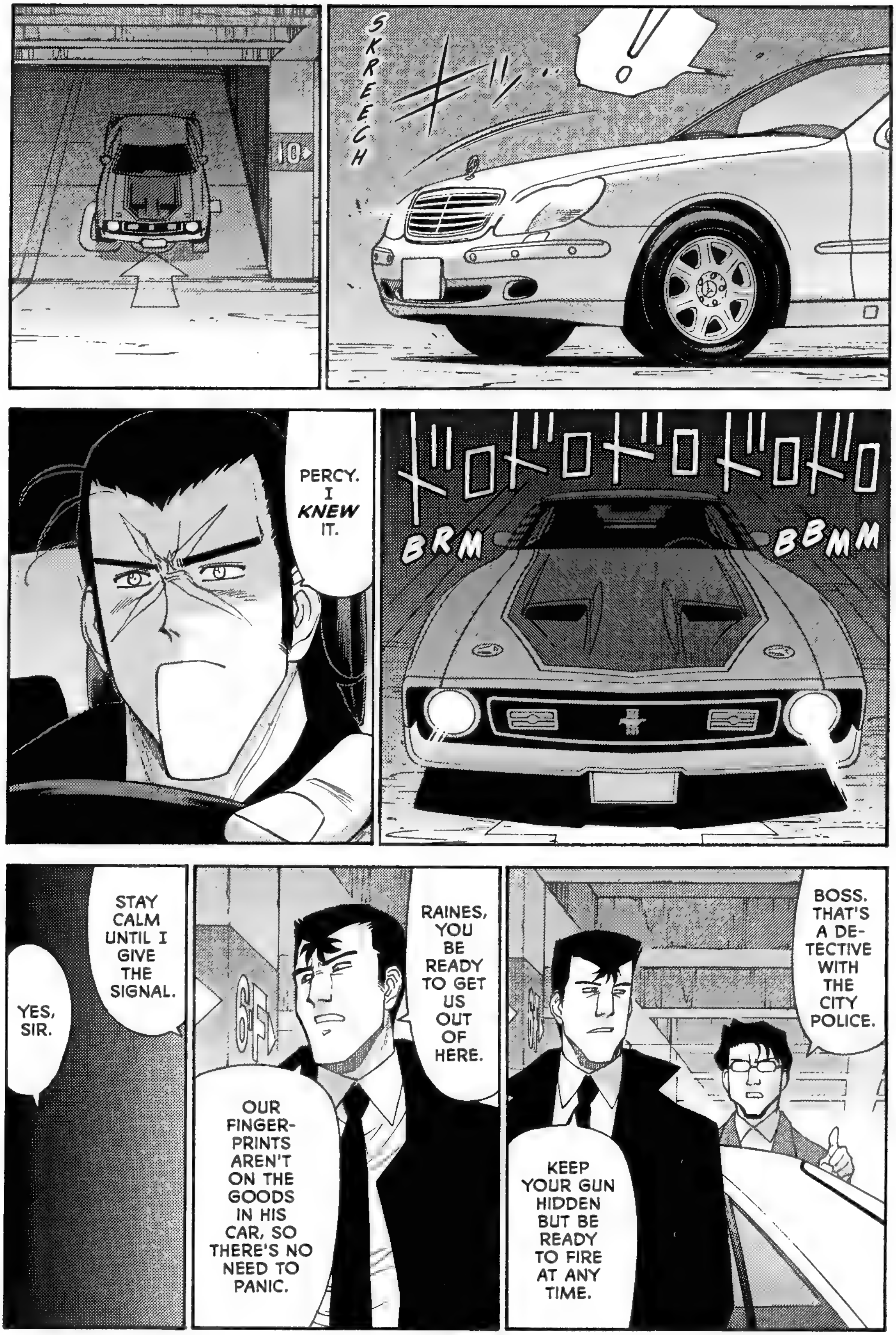
ZOOM
LET'S HOPE SO.
SEE YA!


SKREECH
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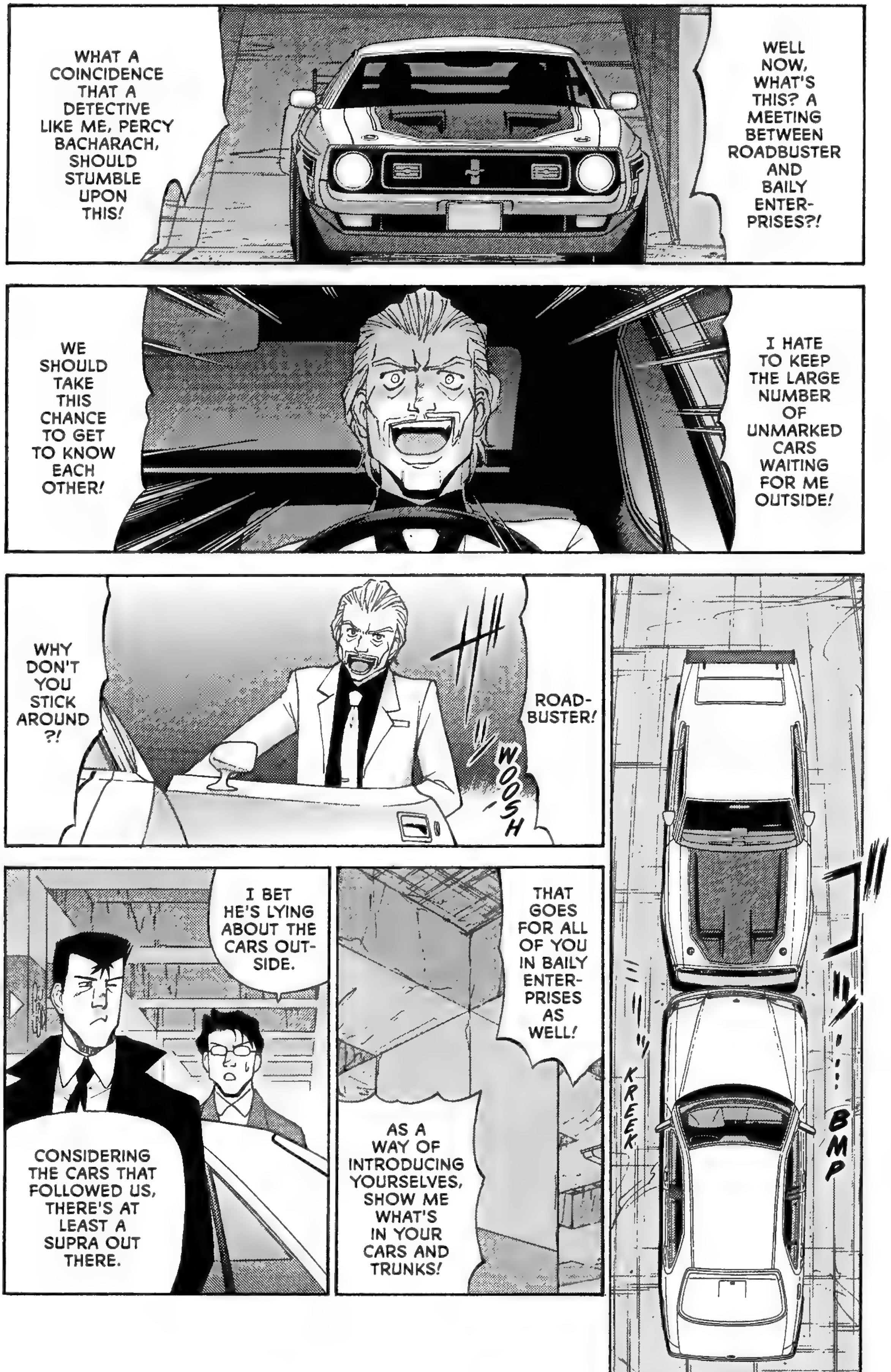
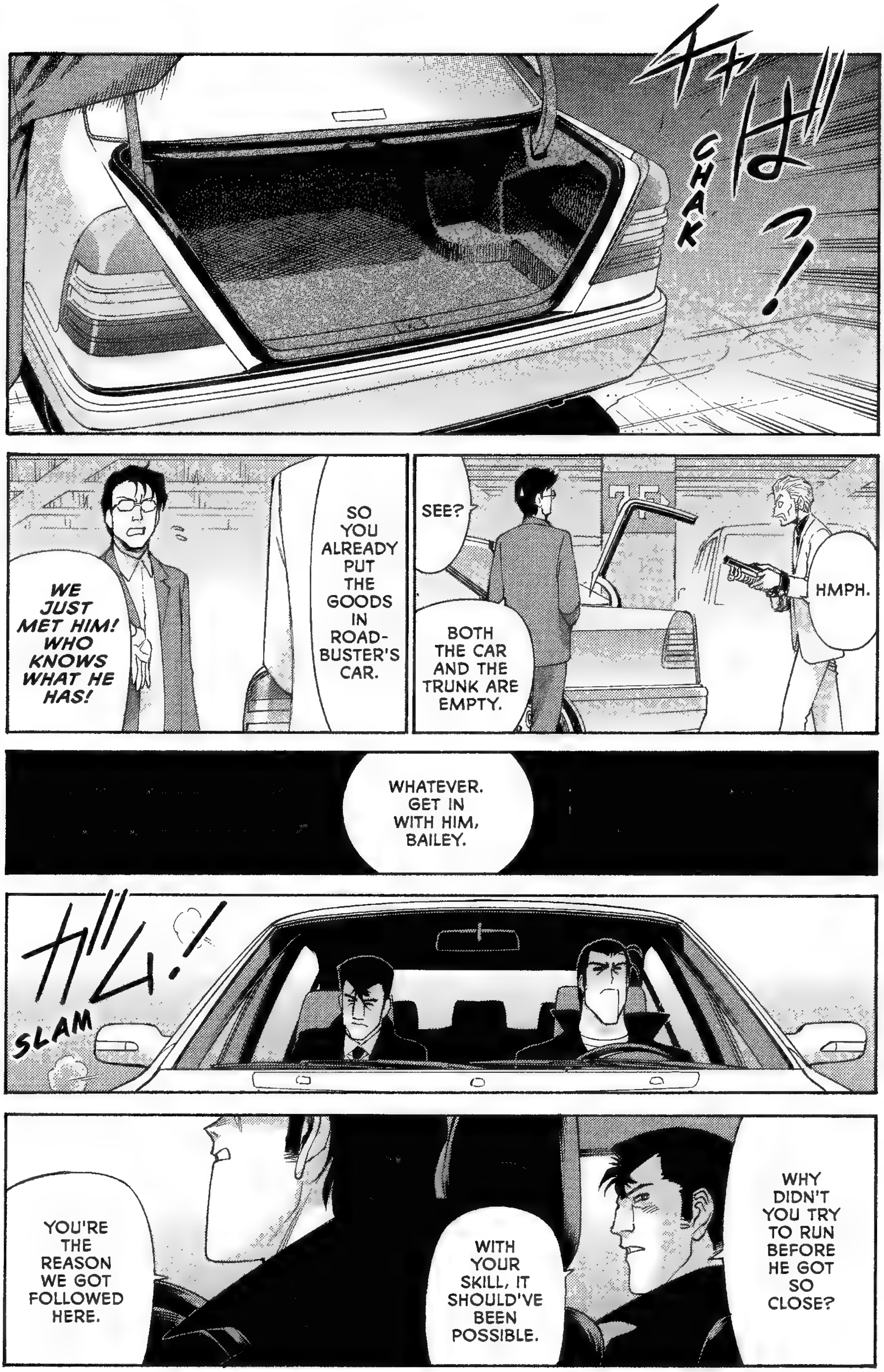
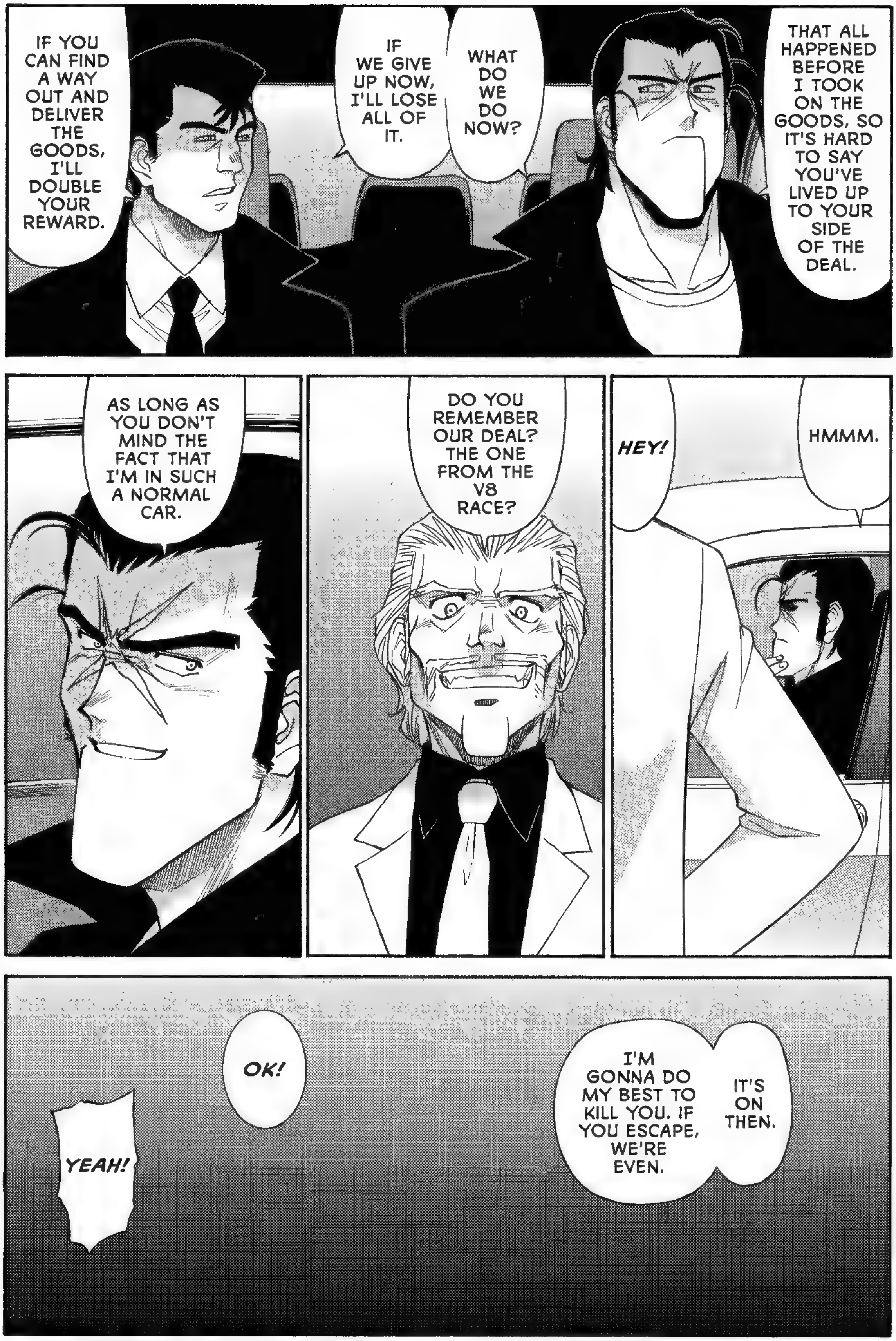
BRM BBMM
PERCY. I *KNEW* IT.
BOSS. THAT'S A DETECTIVE WITH THE CITY POLICE.
KEEP YOUR GUN HIDDEN BUT BE READY TO FIRE AT ANY TIME.
RAINES, YOU BE READY TO GET US OUT OF HERE.
OUR FINGERPRINTS AREN'T ON THE GOODS IN HIS CAR, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC.
STAY CALM UNTIL I GIVE THE SIGNAL.
YES, SIR.


WELL NOW, WHAT'S THIS? A MEETING BETWEEN ROADBUSTER AND BAILY ENTERPRISES?!
WHAT A COINCIDENCE THAT A DETECTIVE LIKE ME, PERCY BACHARACH, SHOULD STUMBLE UPON THIS!
I HATE TO KEEP THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNMARKED CARS WAITING FOR ME OUTSIDE!
WE SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!
ROADBUSTER!
WOOSH
WHY DON'T YOU STICK AROUND?!
KREEK
BMP
THAT GOES FOR ALL OF YOU IN BAILY ENTERPRISES AS WELL!
AS A WAY OF INTRODUCING YOURSELVES, SHOW ME WHAT'S IN YOUR CARS AND TRUNKS!
I BET HE'S LYING ABOUT THE CARS OUTSIDE.
CONSIDERING THE CARS THAT FOLLOWED US, THERE'S AT LEAST A SUPRA OUT THERE.


キャばっ!
CHAK
HMPH.
SEE?
BOTH THE CAR AND THE TRUNK ARE EMPTY.
SO YOU ALREADY PUT THE GOODS IN ROAD-BUSTER'S CAR.
WE JUST MET HIM! WHO KNOWS WHAT HE HAS!
WHATEVER. GET IN WITH HIM, BAILEY.
ガム!
SLAM
WHY DIDN'T YOU TRY TO RUN BEFORE HE GOT SO CLOSE?
WITH YOUR SKILL, IT SHOULD'VE BEEN POSSIBLE.
YOU'RE THE REASON WE GOT FOLLOWED HERE.


THAT ALL HAPPENED BEFORE I TOOK ON THE GOODS, SO IT'S HARD TO SAY YOU'VE LIVED UP TO YOUR SIDE OF THE DEAL.
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
IF WE GIVE UP NOW, I'LL LOSE ALL OF IT.
IF YOU CAN FIND A WAY OUT AND DELIVER THE GOODS, I'LL DOUBLE YOUR REWARD.
HMMM.
HEY!
DO YOU REMEMBER OUR DEAL? THE ONE FROM THE V8 RACE?
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND THE FACT THAT I'M IN SUCH A NORMAL CAR.
IT'S ON THEN.
I'M GONNA DO MY BEST TO KILL YOU. IF YOU ESCAPE, WE'RE EVEN.
OK!
YEAH!

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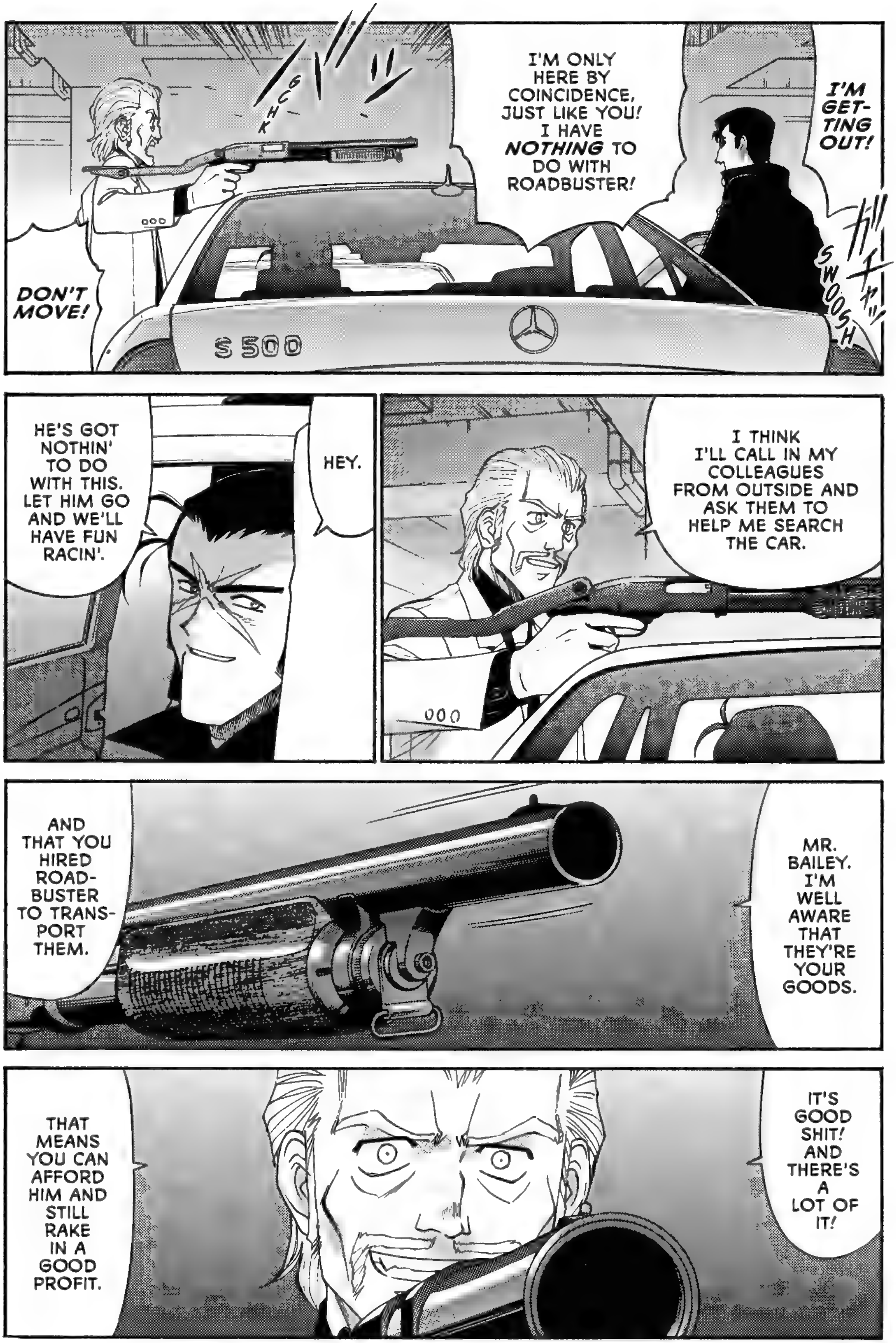
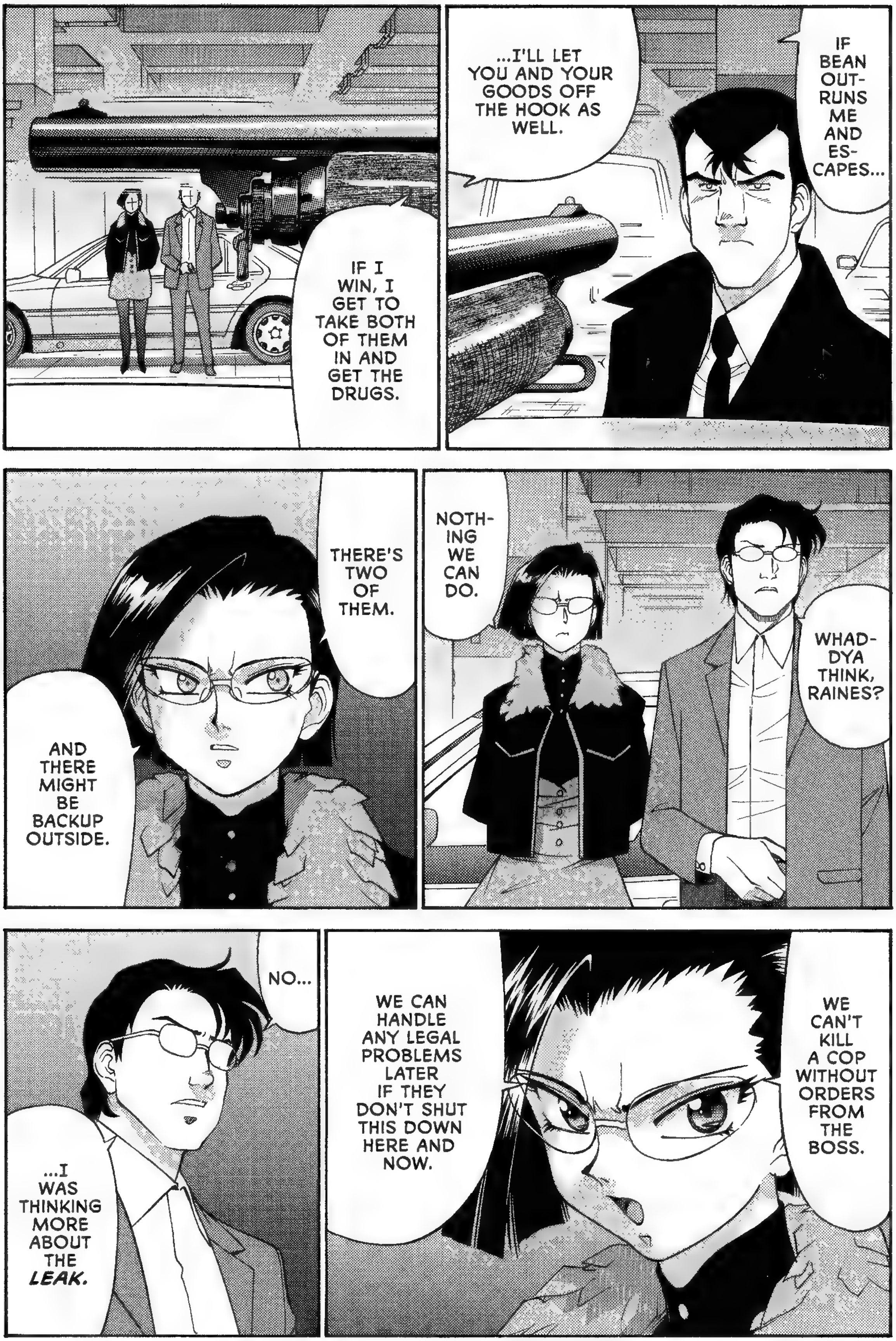
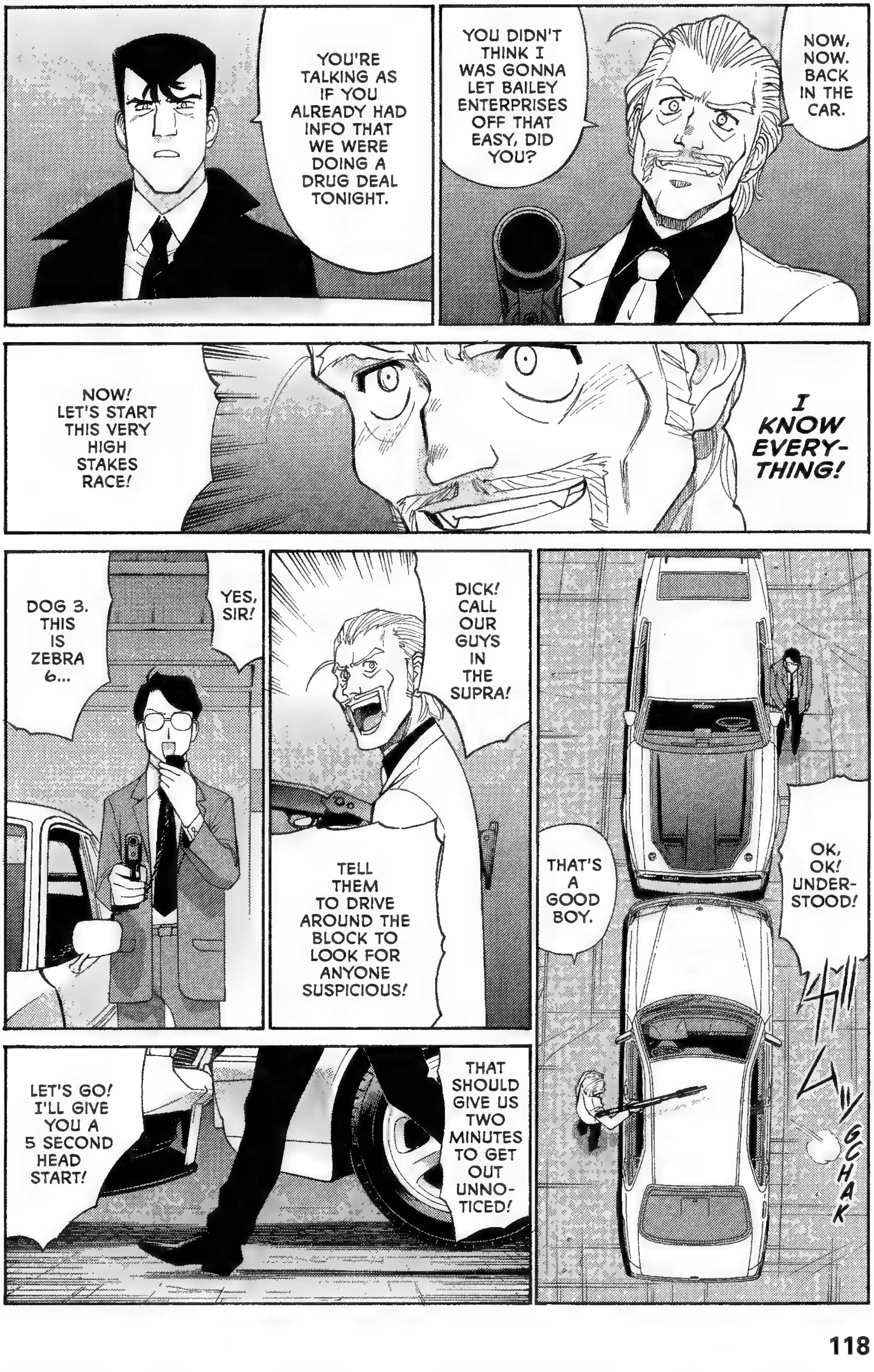
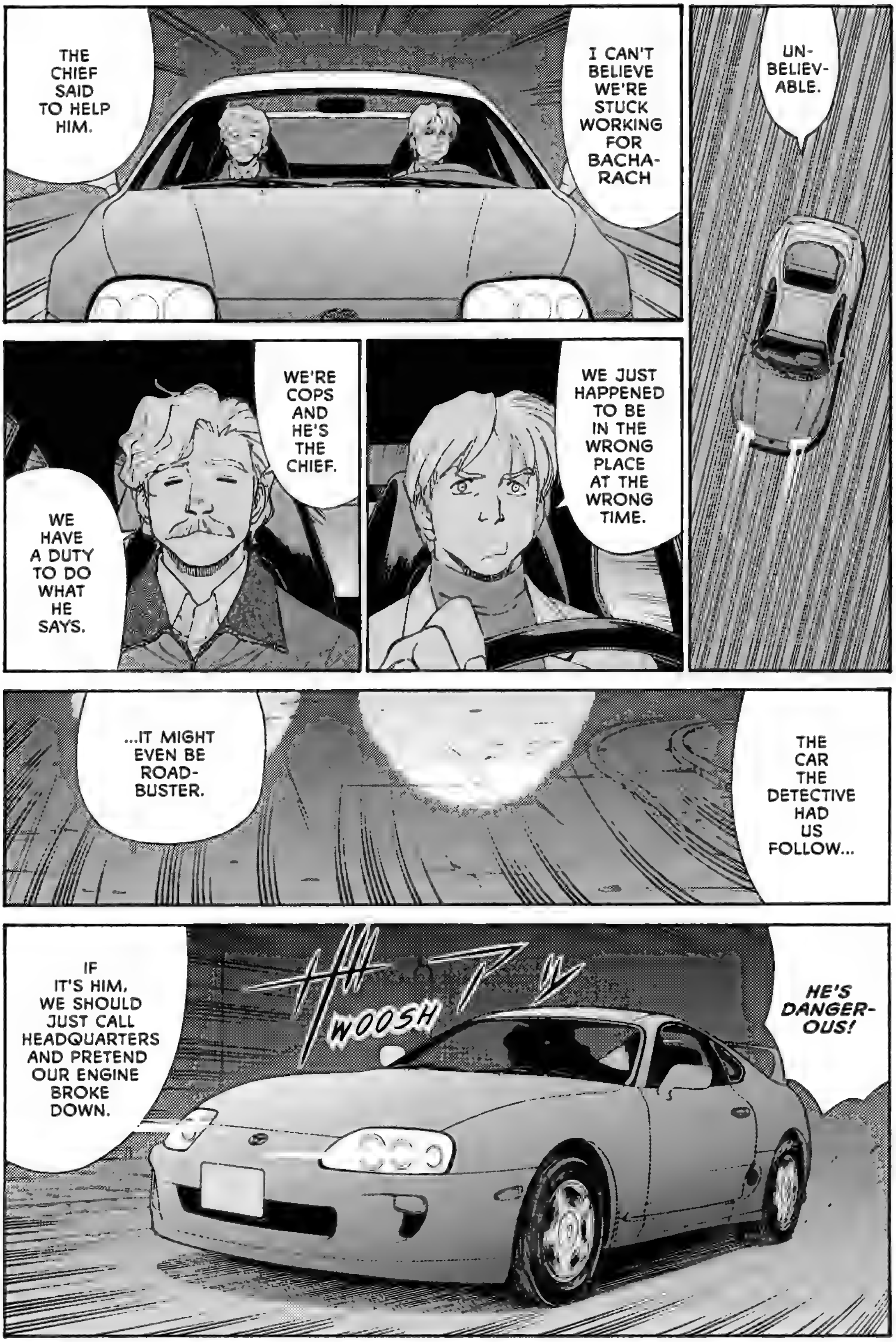
CHAPTER 46

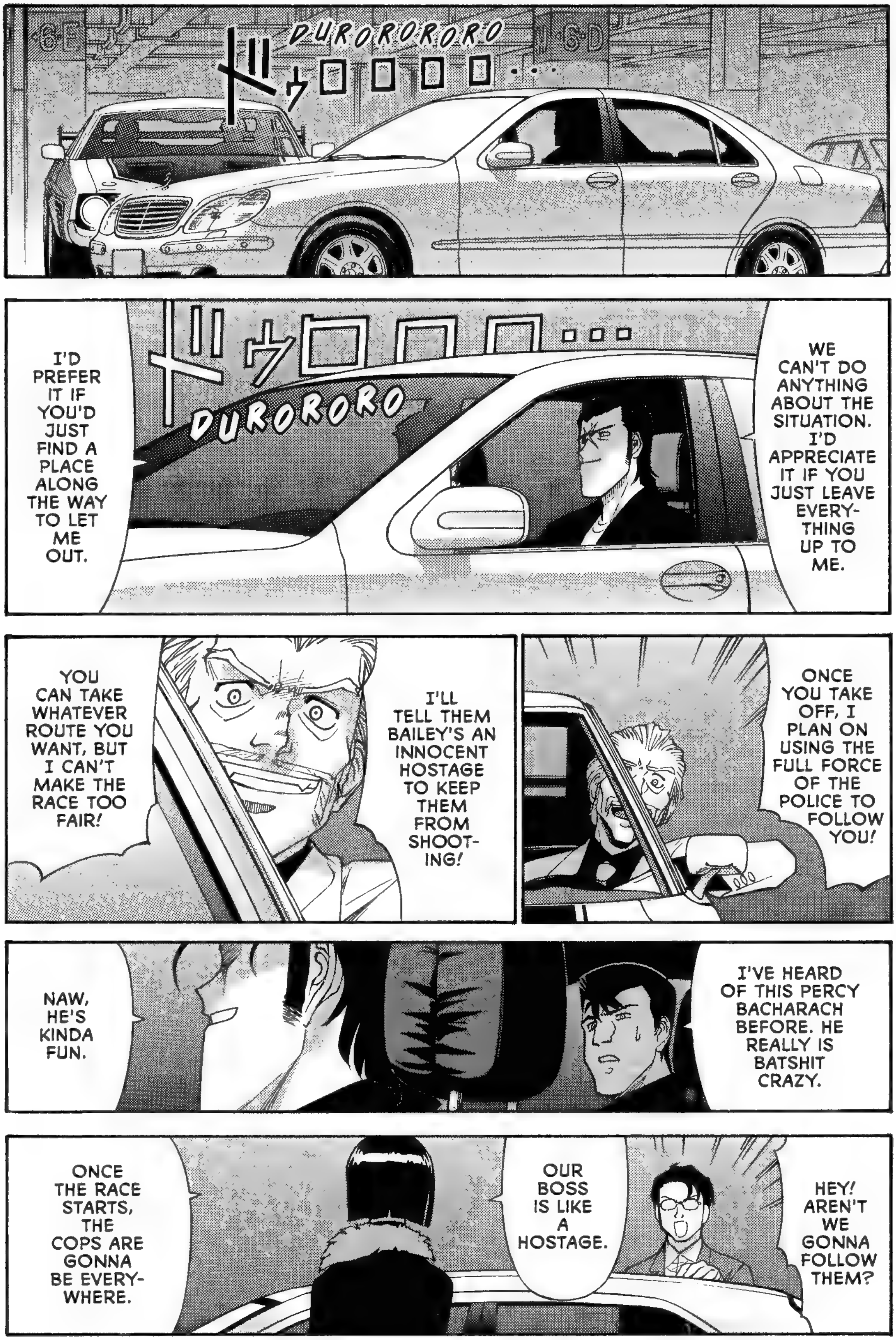
CAN'T BACK UP


I'M GETTING OUT!
SWOOSH
S 500
DON'T MOVE!
GCHK
I'M ONLY HERE BY COINCIDENCE, JUST LIKE YOU! I HAVE *NOTHING* TO DO WITH ROADBUSTER!
I THINK I'LL CALL IN MY COLLEAGUES FROM OUTSIDE AND ASK THEM TO HELP ME SEARCH THE CAR.
HEY.
HE'S GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THIS. LET HIM GO AND WE'LL HAVE FUN RACIN'.
MR. BAILEY. I'M WELL AWARE THAT THEY'RE YOUR GOODS.
AND THAT YOU HIRED ROADBUSTER TO TRANSPORT THEM.
IT'S GOOD SHIT! AND THERE'S A LOT OF IT!
THAT MEANS YOU CAN AFFORD HIM AND STILL RAKE IN A GOOD PROFIT.


IF BEAN OUTRUNS ME AND ESCAPES...
...I'LL LET YOU AND YOUR GOODS OFF THE HOOK AS WELL.
IF I WIN, I GET TO TAKE BOTH OF THEM IN AND GET THE DRUGS.
WHADDYA THINK, RAINES?
NOTHING WE CAN DO.
THERE'S TWO OF THEM.
AND THERE MIGHT BE BACKUP OUTSIDE.
WE CAN'T KILL A COP WITHOUT ORDERS FROM THE BOSS.
WE CAN HANDLE ANY LEGAL PROBLEMS LATER IF THEY DON'T SHUT THIS DOWN HERE AND NOW.
NO...
...I WAS THINKING MORE ABOUT THE *LEAK.*


NOW, NOW. BACK IN THE CAR.
YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GONNA LET BAILEY ENTERPRISES OFF THAT EASY, DID YOU?
YOU'RE TALKING AS IF YOU ALREADY HAD INFO THAT WE WERE DOING A DRUG DEAL TONIGHT.
I KNOW EVERYTHING!
NOW! LET'S START THIS VERY HIGH STAKES RACE!
OK, OK! UNDERSTOOD!
THAT'S A GOOD BOY.
GCHAK
DICK! CALL OUR GUYS IN THE SUPRA!
TELL THEM TO DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK TO LOOK FOR ANYONE SUSPICIOUS!
YES, SIR!
DOG 3. THIS IS ZEBRA 6...
THAT SHOULD GIVE US TWO MINUTES TO GET OUT UNNOTICED!
LET'S GO! I'LL GIVE YOU A 5 SECOND HEAD START!


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE STUCK WORKING FOR BACHARACH
THE CHIEF SAID TO HELP HIM.
UNBELIEVABLE.
WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.
WE'RE COPS AND HE'S THE CHIEF.
WE HAVE A DUTY TO DO WHAT HE SAYS.
THE CAR THE DETECTIVE HAD US FOLLOW...
...IT MIGHT EVEN BE ROADBUSTER.
HE'S DANGEROUS!
IF IT'S HIM, WE SHOULD JUST CALL HEADQUARTERS AND PRETEND OUR ENGINE BROKE DOWN.
WOOSH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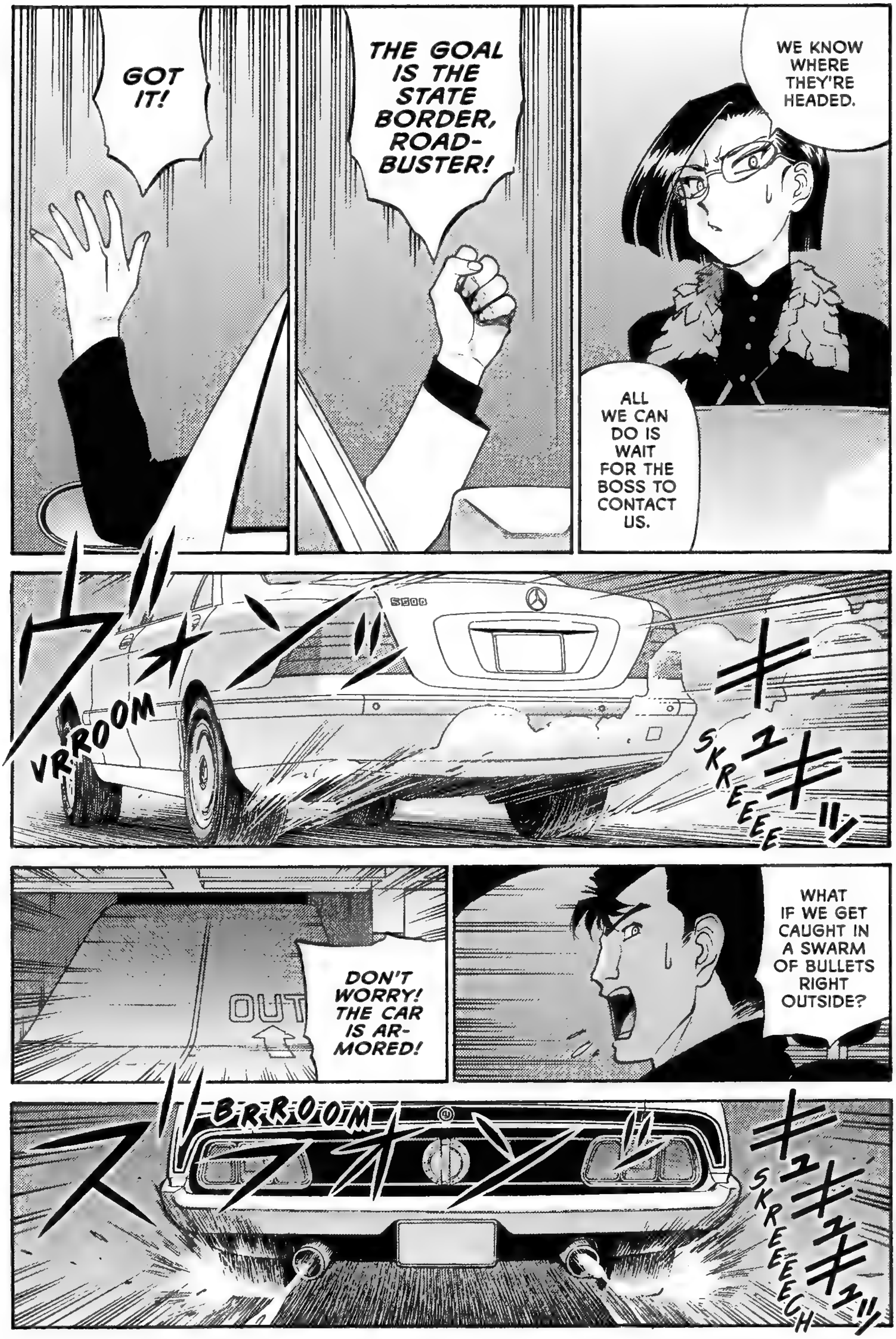
DURORORO
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING UP TO ME.
I'D PREFER IT IF YOU'D JUST FIND A PLACE ALONG THE WAY TO LET ME OUT.
ONCE YOU TAKE OFF, I PLAN ON USING THE FULL FORCE OF THE POLICE TO FOLLOW YOU!
I'LL TELL THEM BAILEY'S AN INNOCENT HOSTAGE TO KEEP THEM FROM SHOOTING!
YOU CAN TAKE WHATEVER ROUTE YOU WANT, BUT I CAN'T MAKE THE RACE TOO FAIR!
I'VE HEARD OF THIS PERCY BACHARACH BEFORE. HE REALLY IS BATSHIT CRAZY.
NAW, HE'S KINDA FUN.
HEY! AREN'T WE GONNA FOLLOW THEM?
OUR BOSS IS LIKE A HOSTAGE.
ONCE THE RACE STARTS, THE COPS ARE GONNA BE EVERYWHERE.


WE KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED.
ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE BOSS TO CONTACT US.
THE GOAL IS THE STATE BORDER, ROADBUSTER!
GOT IT!
S500
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SKREEEEE
ヴォン
VRROOM
WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT IN A SWARM OF BULLETS RIGHT OUTSIDE?
DON'T WORRY! THE CAR IS ARMORED!
OUT
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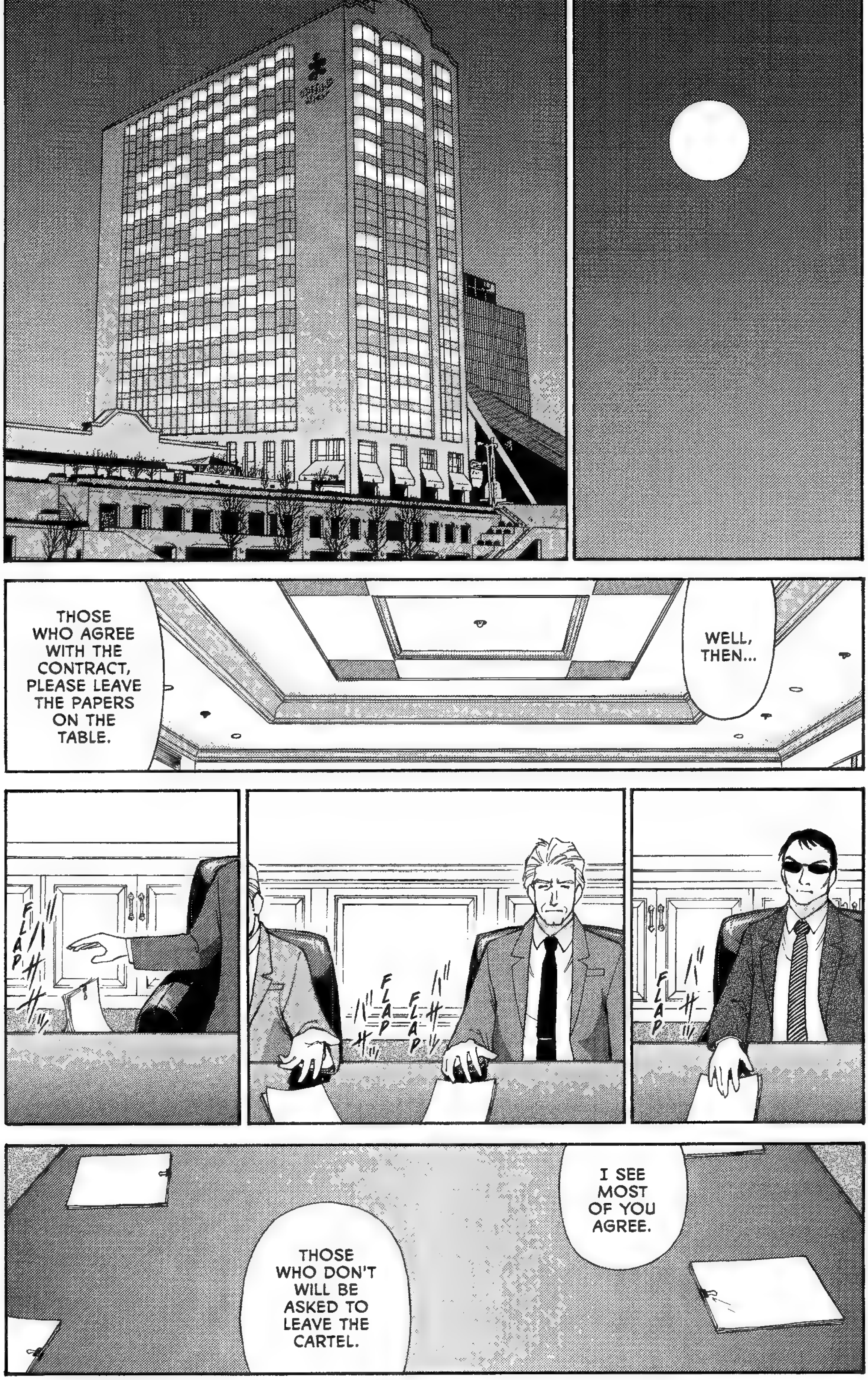
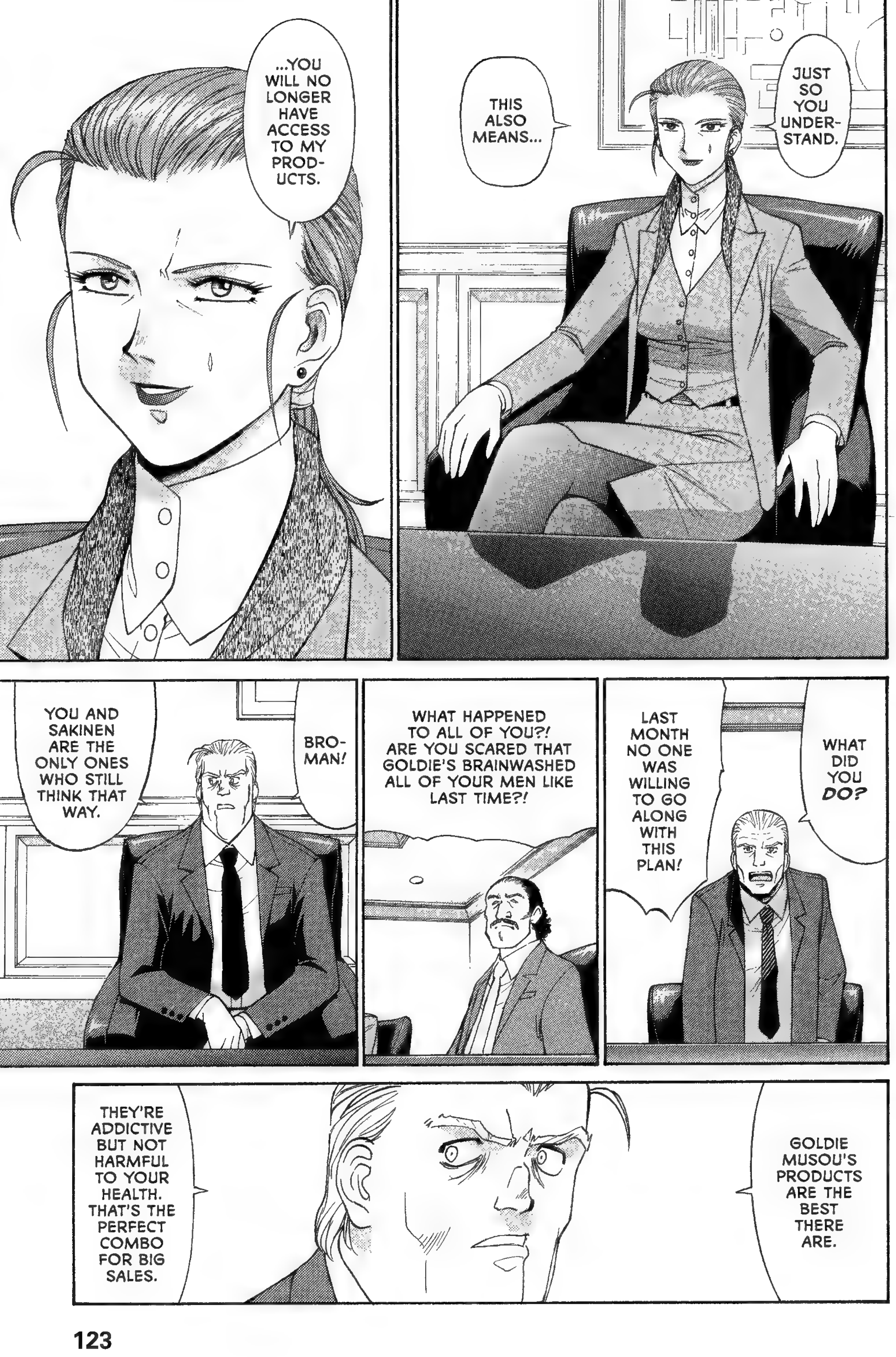
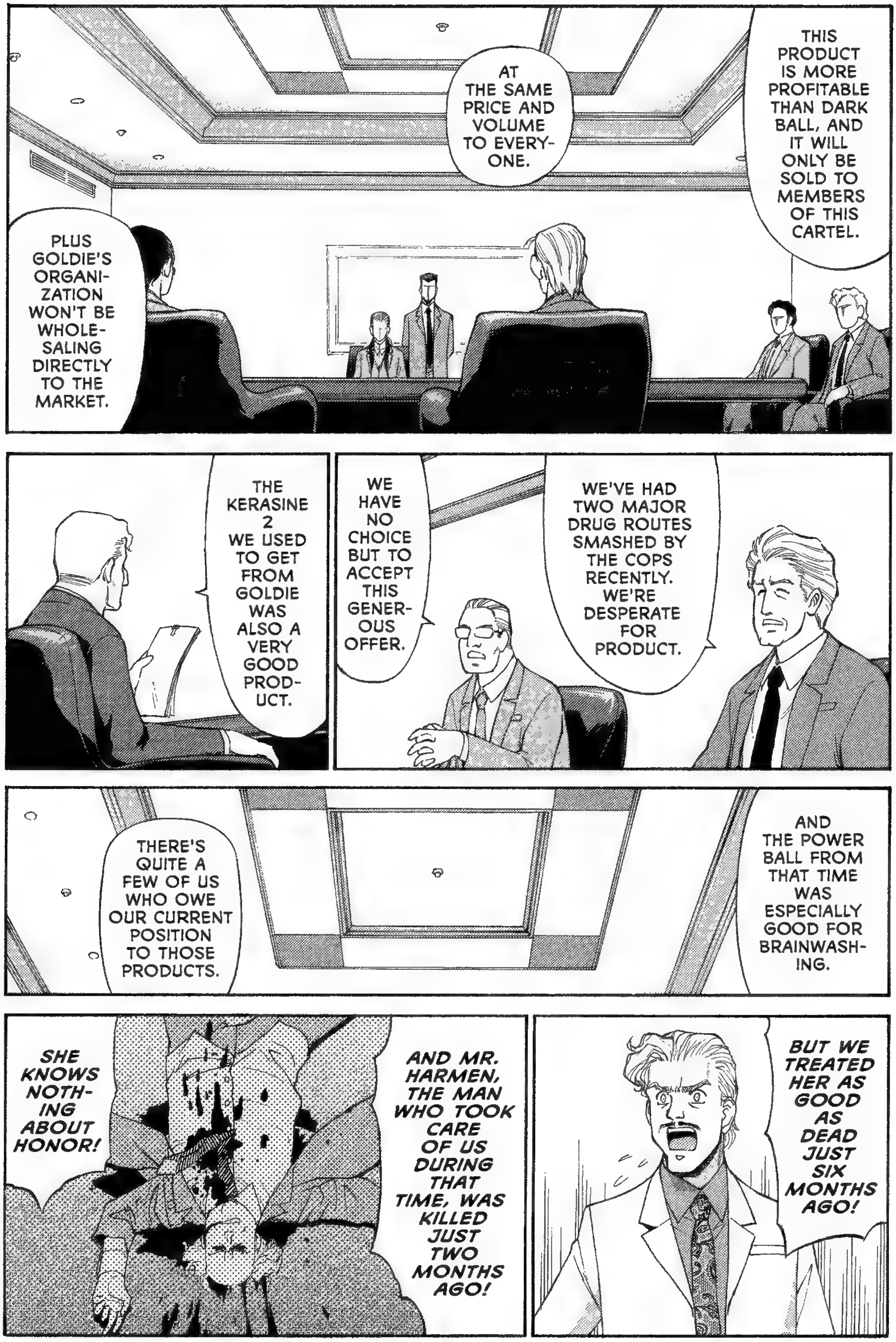
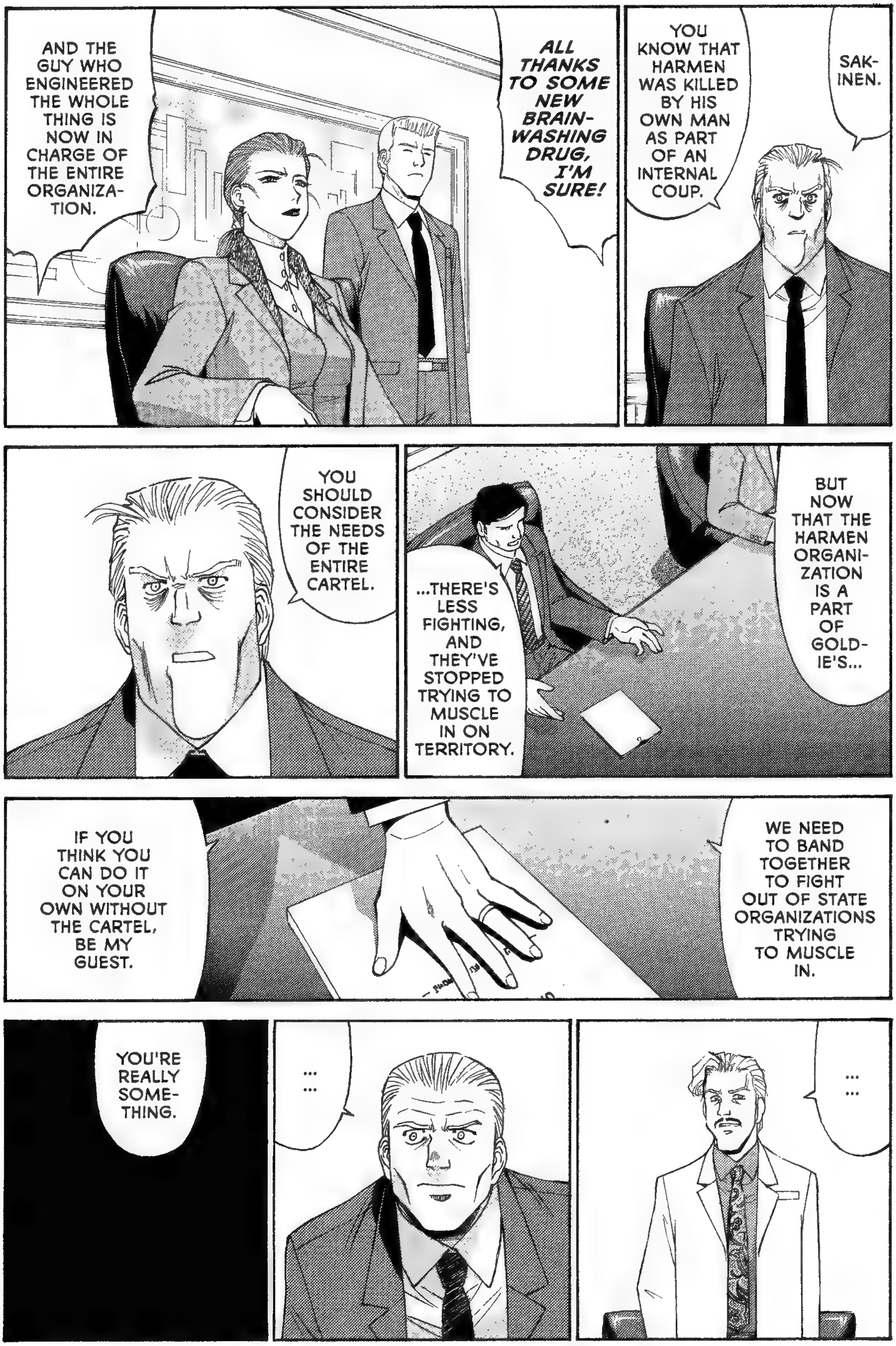
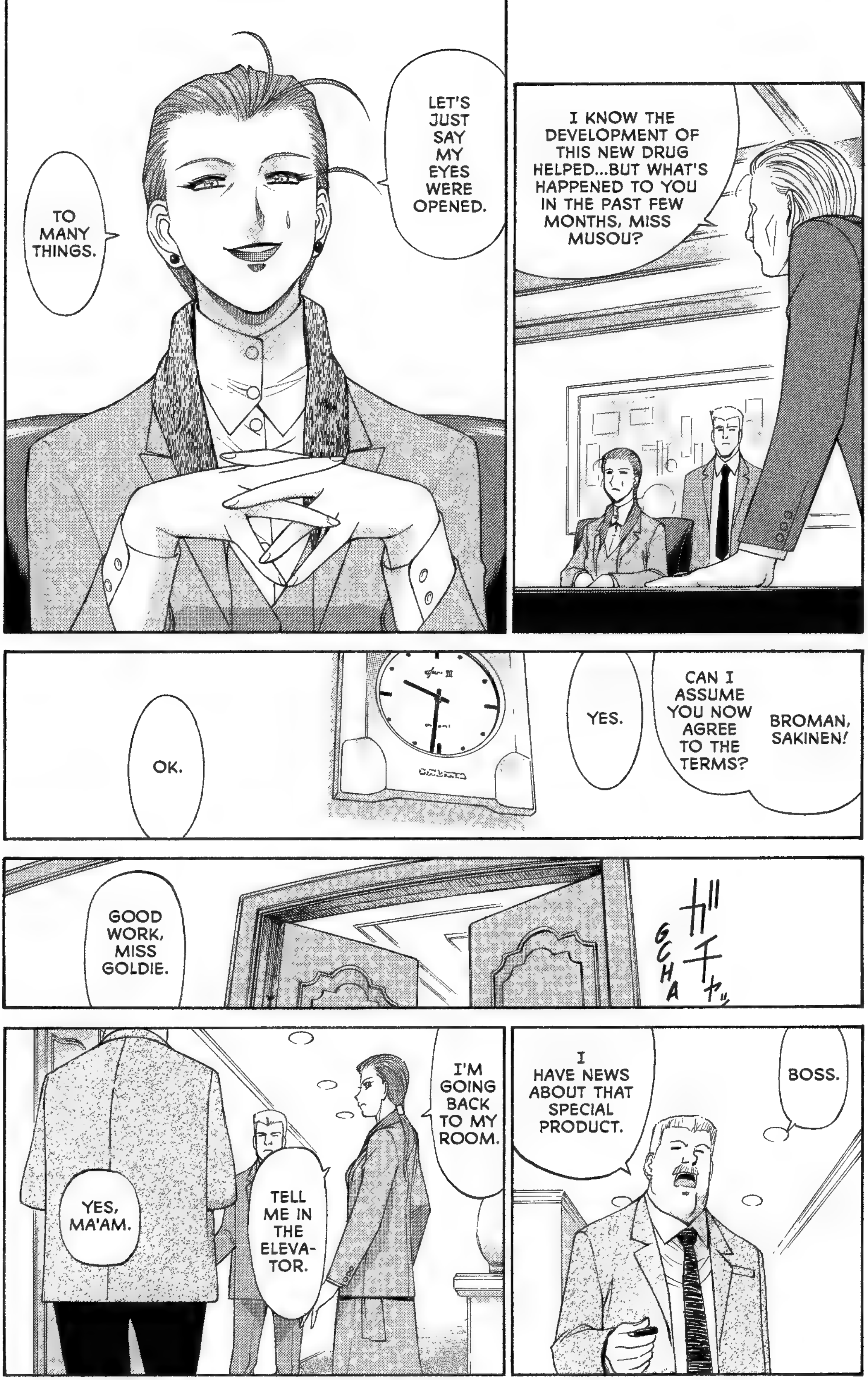
SKREEECH
ズヴォン
BRROOM


WELL, THEN...
THOSE WHO AGREE WITH THE CONTRACT, PLEASE LEAVE THE PAPERS ON THE TABLE.
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
I SEE MOST OF YOU AGREE.
THOSE WHO DON'T WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CARTEL.


JUST SO YOU UNDERSTAND.
THIS ALSO MEANS...
...YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO MY PRODUCTS.
WHAT DID YOU *DO?*
LAST MONTH NO ONE WAS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THIS PLAN!
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL OF YOU?! ARE YOU SCARED THAT GOLDIE'S BRAINWASHED ALL OF YOUR MEN LIKE LAST TIME?!
BROMAN!
YOU AND SAKINEN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO STILL THINK THAT WAY.
GOLDIE MUSOU'S PRODUCTS ARE THE BEST THERE ARE.
THEY'RE ADDICTIVE BUT NOT HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. THAT'S THE PERFECT COMBO FOR BIG SALES.


THIS PRODUCT IS MORE PROFITABLE THAN DARK BALL, AND IT WILL ONLY BE SOLD TO MEMBERS OF THIS CARTEL.
AT THE SAME PRICE AND VOLUME TO EVERYONE.
PLUS GOLDIE'S ORGANIZATION WON'T BE WHOLESALING DIRECTLY TO THE MARKET.
WE'VE HAD TWO MAJOR DRUG ROUTES SMASHED BY THE COPS RECENTLY. WE'RE DESPERATE FOR PRODUCT.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT THIS GENEROUS OFFER.
THE KERASINE 2 WE USED TO GET FROM GOLDIE WAS ALSO A VERY GOOD PRODUCT.
AND THE POWER BALL FROM THAT TIME WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD FOR BRAINWASHING.
THERE'S QUITE A FEW OF US WHO OWE OUR CURRENT POSITION TO THOSE PRODUCTS.
BUT WE TREATED HER AS GOOD AS DEAD JUST SIX MONTHS AGO!
AND MR. HARMEN, THE MAN WHO TOOK CARE OF US DURING THAT TIME, WAS KILLED JUST TWO MONTHS AGO!
SHE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT HONOR!


SAK-INEN.
YOU KNOW THAT HARMEN WAS KILLED BY HIS OWN MAN AS PART OF AN INTERNAL COUP.
AND THE GUY WHO ENGINEERED THE WHOLE THING IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION.
ALL THANKS TO SOME NEW BRAINWASHING DRUG, I'M SURE!
BUT NOW THAT THE HARMEN ORGANIZATION IS A PART OF GOLDIE'S...
...THERE'S LESS FIGHTING, AND THEY'VE STOPPED TRYING TO MUSCLE IN ON TERRITORY.
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF THE ENTIRE CARTEL.
WE NEED TO BAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT OUT OF STATE ORGANIZATIONS TRYING TO MUSCLE IN.
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE CARTEL, BE MY GUEST.
... ...
... ...
YOU'RE REALLY SOMETHING.


I KNOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW DRUG HELPED...BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, MISS MUSOU?
LET'S JUST SAY MY EYES WERE OPENED.
TO MANY THINGS.
BROMAN, SAKINEN!
CAN I ASSUME YOU NOW AGREE TO THE TERMS?
YES.
OK.
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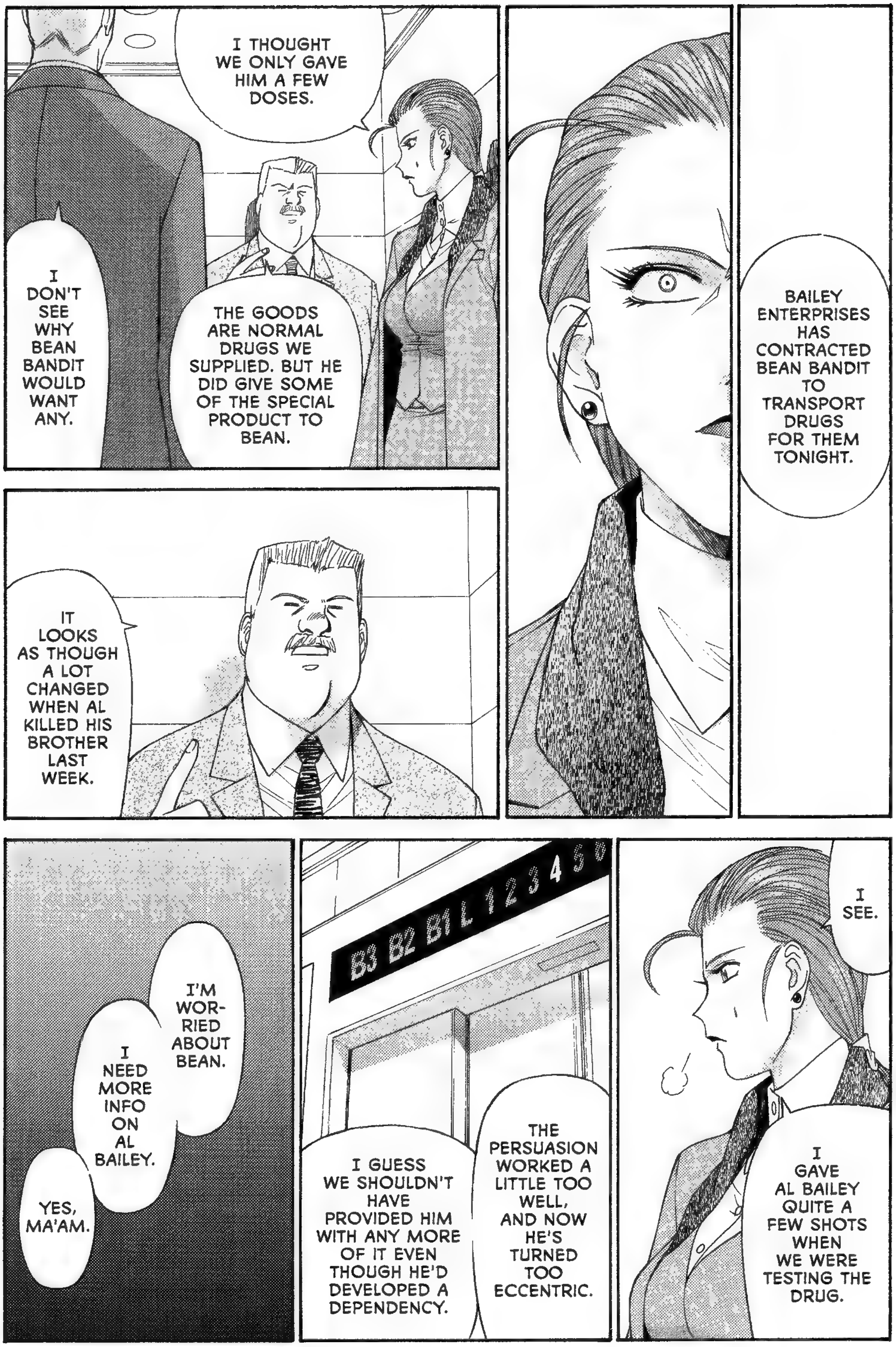
GCHA
GOOD WORK, MISS GOLDIE.
BOSS.
I HAVE NEWS ABOUT THAT SPECIAL PRODUCT.
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM.
TELL ME IN THE ELEVATOR.
YES, MA'AM.


BAILEY ENTERPRISES HAS CONTRACTED BEAN BANDIT TO TRANSPORT DRUGS FOR THEM TONIGHT.
I DON'T SEE WHY BEAN BANDIT WOULD WANT ANY.
THE GOODS ARE NORMAL DRUGS WE SUPPLIED. BUT HE DID GIVE SOME OF THE SPECIAL PRODUCT TO BEAN.
I THOUGHT WE ONLY GAVE HIM A FEW DOSES.
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH A LOT CHANGED WHEN AL KILLED HIS BROTHER LAST WEEK.
I SEE.
I GAVE AL BAILEY QUITE A FEW SHOTS WHEN WE WERE TESTING THE DRUG.
THE PERSUASION WORKED A LITTLE TOO WELL, AND NOW HE'S TURNED TOO ECCENTRIC.
I GUESS WE SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH ANY MORE OF IT EVEN THOUGH HE'D DEVELOPED A DEPENDENCY.
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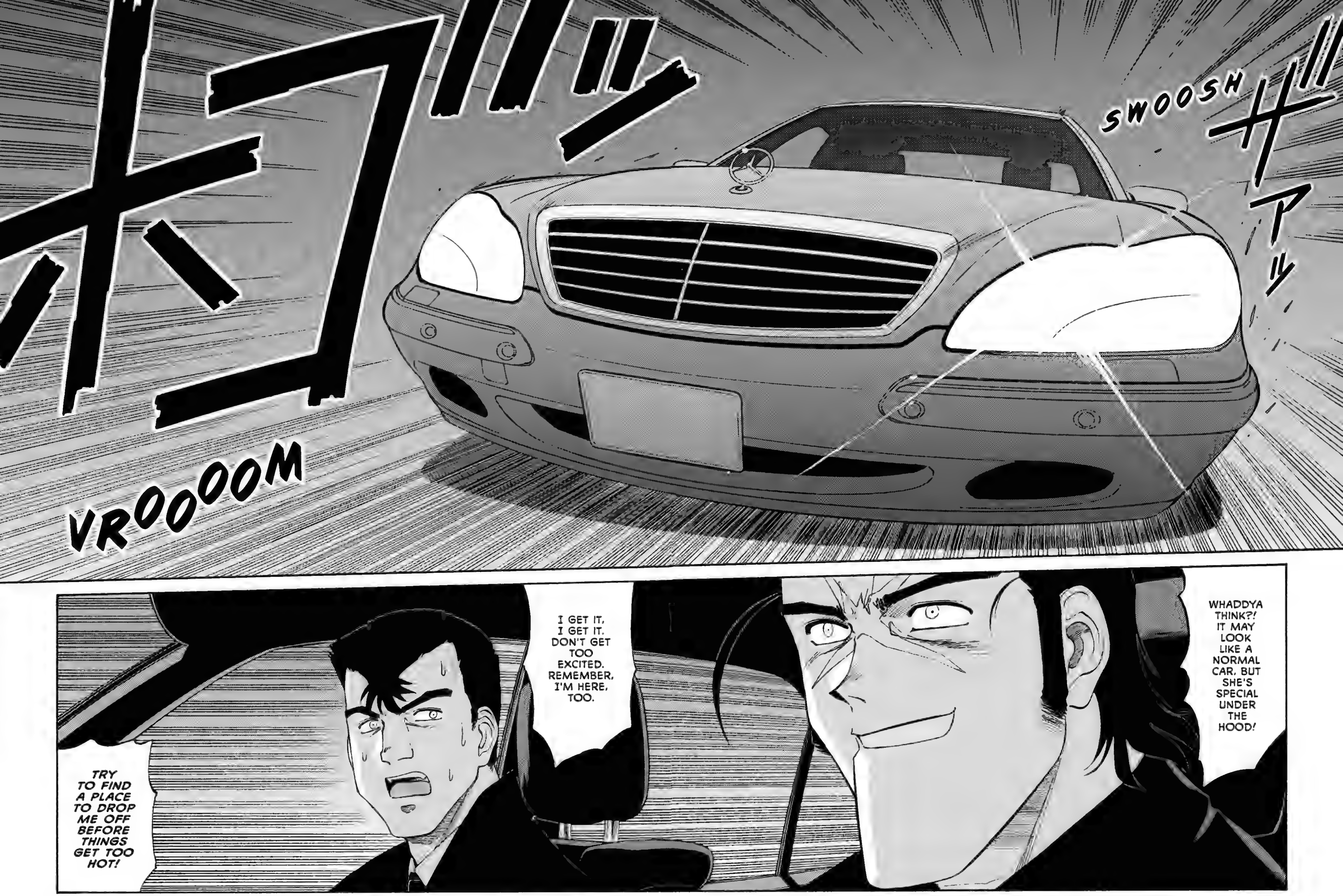
I'M WORRIED ABOUT BEAN.
I NEED MORE INFO ON AL BAILEY.
YES, MA'AM.


SWOOSH
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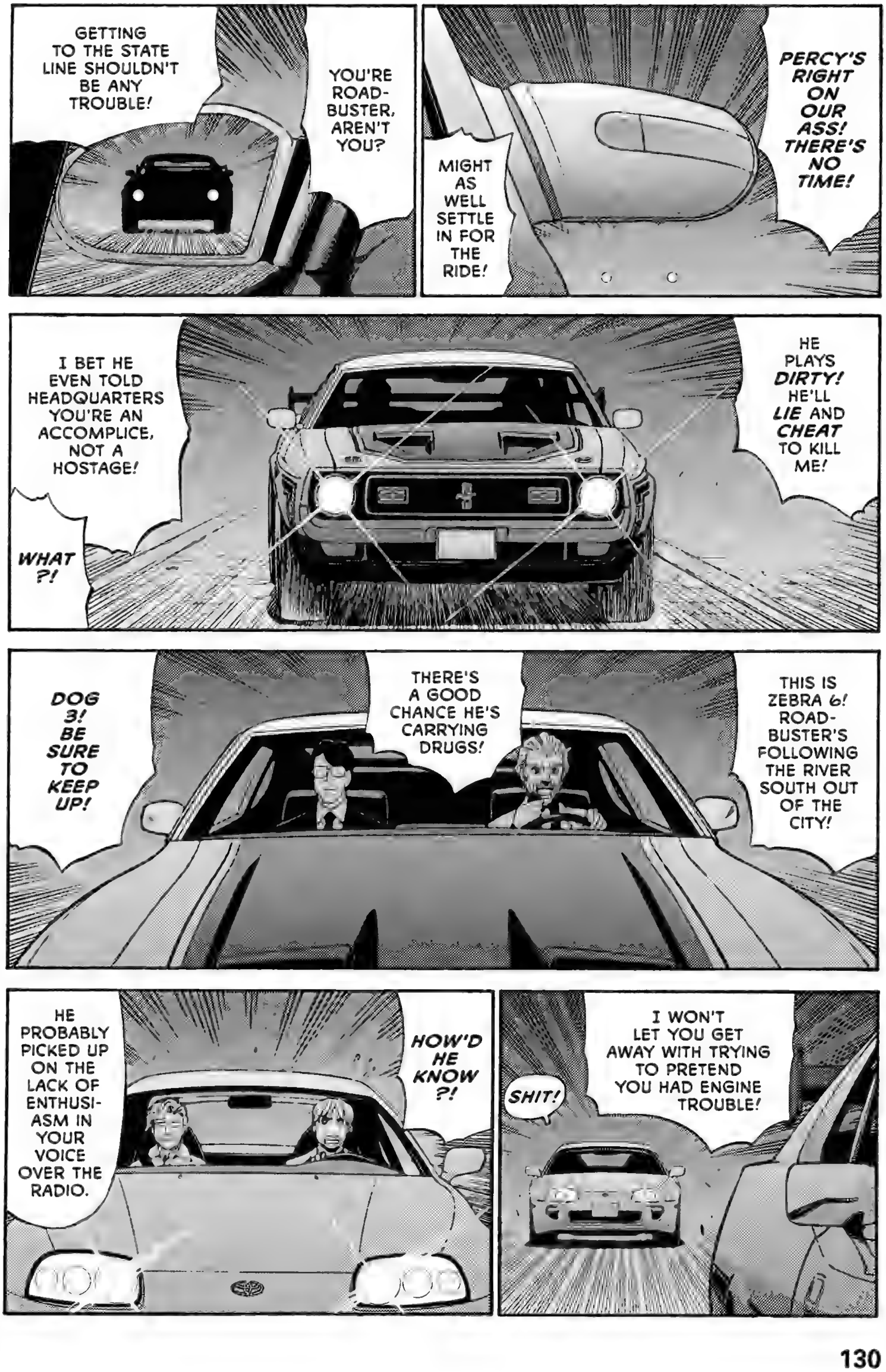
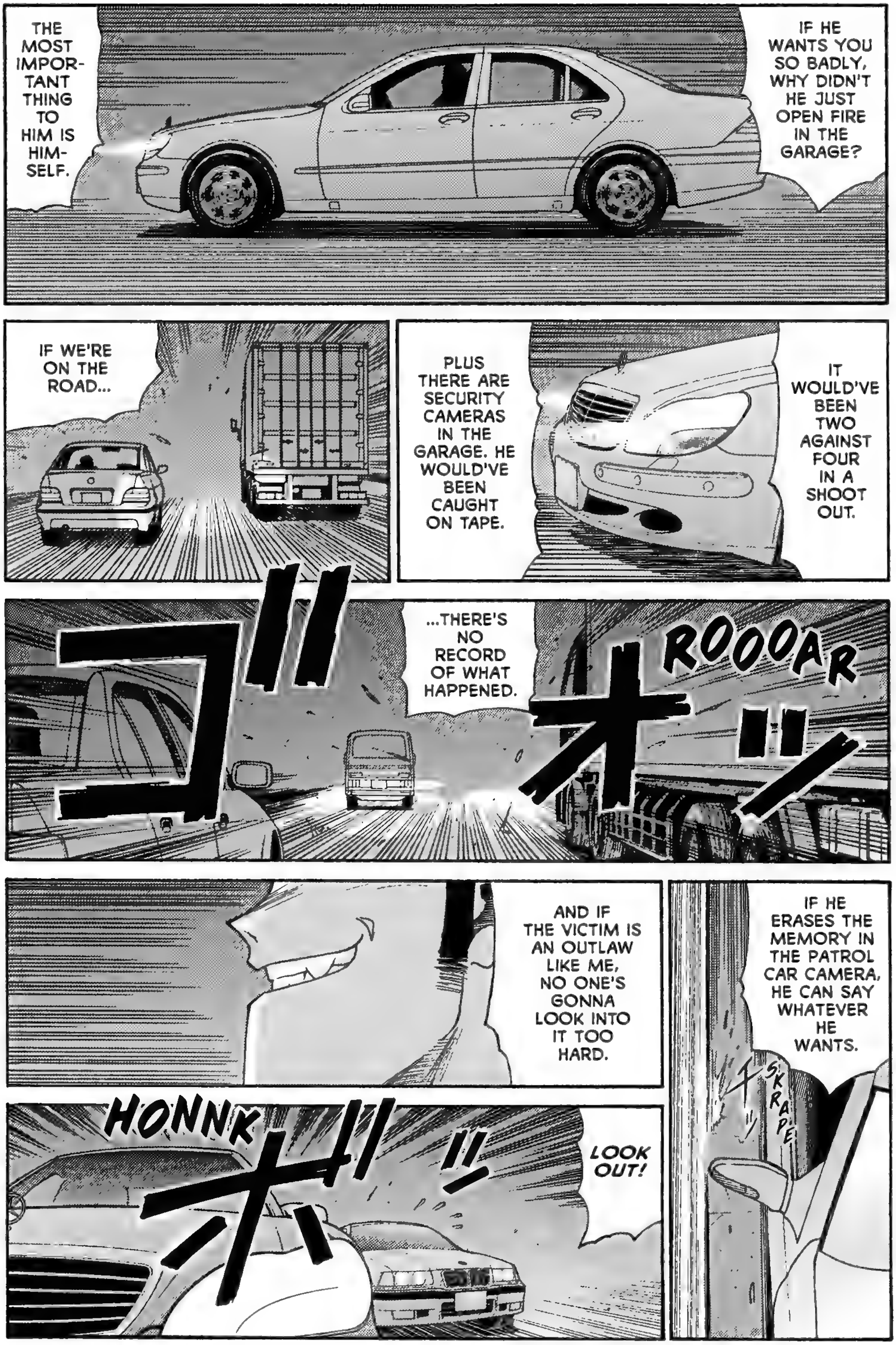
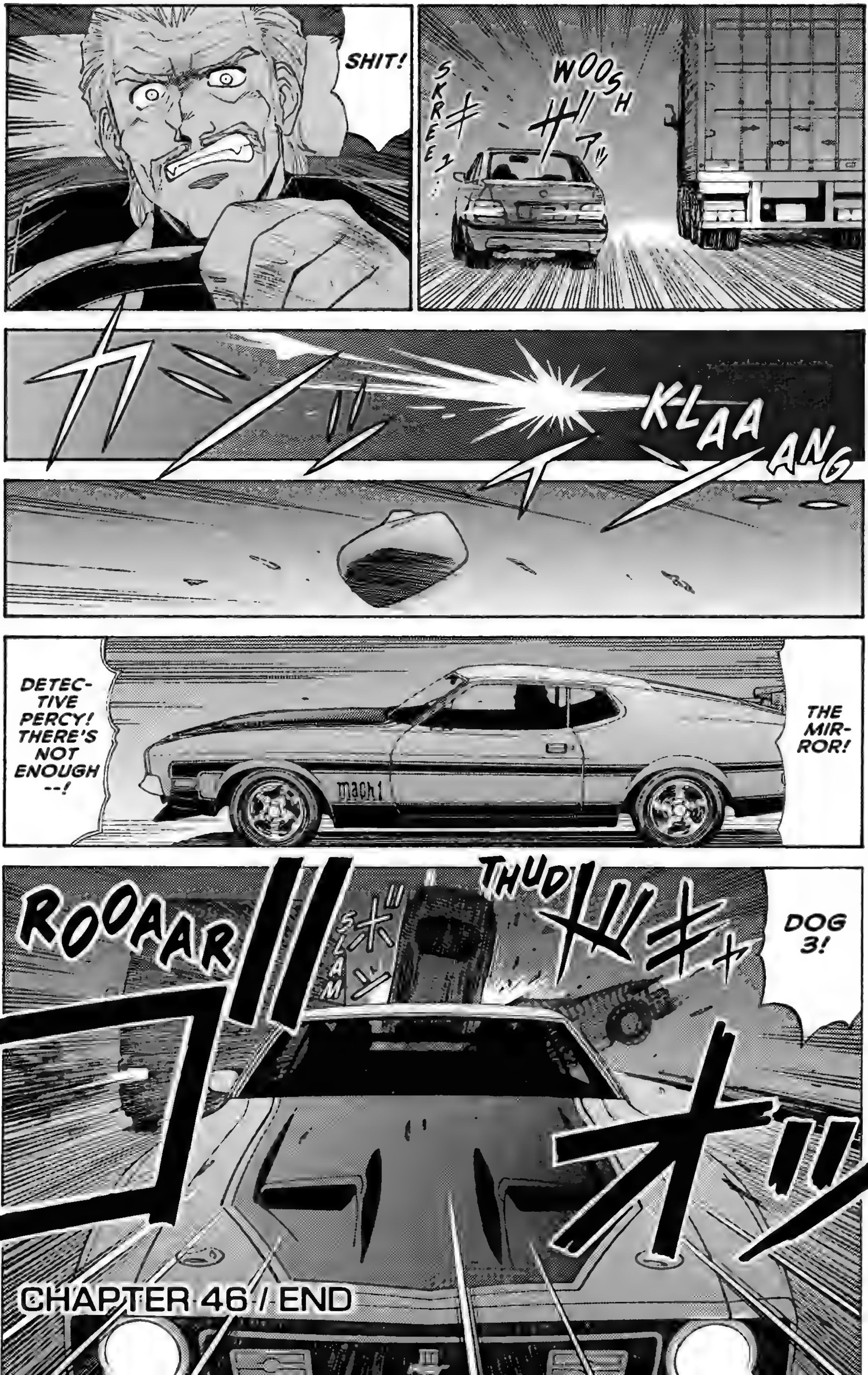
VROOOOM
WHADDYA THINK?! IT MAY LOOK LIKE A NORMAL CAR, BUT SHE'S SPECIAL UNDER THE HOOD!
I GET IT, I GET IT. DON'T GET TOO EXCITED. REMEMBER, I'M HERE, TOO.
TRY TO FIND A PLACE TO DROP ME OFF BEFORE THINGS GET TOO HOT!


PERCY'S RIGHT ON OUR ASS! THERE'S NO TIME!
MIGHT AS WELL SETTLE IN FOR THE RIDE!
YOU'RE ROAD-BUSTER, AREN'T YOU?
GETTING TO THE STATE LINE SHOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE!
HE PLAYS DIRTY! HE'LL LIE AND CHEAT TO KILL ME!
I BET HE EVEN TOLD HEADQUARTERS YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE, NOT A HOSTAGE!
WHAT?!
THIS IS ZEBRA 6! ROAD-BUSTER'S FOLLOWING THE RIVER SOUTH OUT OF THE CITY!
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE HE'S CARRYING DRUGS!
DOG 3! BE SURE TO KEEP UP!
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH TRYING TO PRETEND YOU HAD ENGINE TROUBLE!
SHIT!
HOW'D HE KNOW?!
HE PROBABLY PICKED UP ON THE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN YOUR VOICE OVER THE RADIO.


IF HE WANTS YOU SO BADLY, WHY DIDN'T HE JUST OPEN FIRE IN THE GARAGE?
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO HIM IS HIMSELF.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN TWO AGAINST FOUR IN A SHOOT OUT.
PLUS THERE ARE SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE GARAGE. HE WOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT ON TAPE.
IF WE'RE ON THE ROAD...
ROOOAR
ゴオッ
...THERE'S NO RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED.
IF HE ERASES THE MEMORY IN THE PATROL CAR CAMERA, HE CAN SAY WHATEVER HE WANTS.
SKRAPE
AND IF THE VICTIM IS AN OUTLAW LIKE ME, NO ONE'S GONNA LOOK INTO IT TOO HARD.
LOOK OUT!
HONNK
ボッ


SKREE…
WOOSH
SHIT!
KLAAANG
THE MIRROR!
DETECTIVE PERCY! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH--!
DOG 3!
THUD
SLAM
ROOAAR

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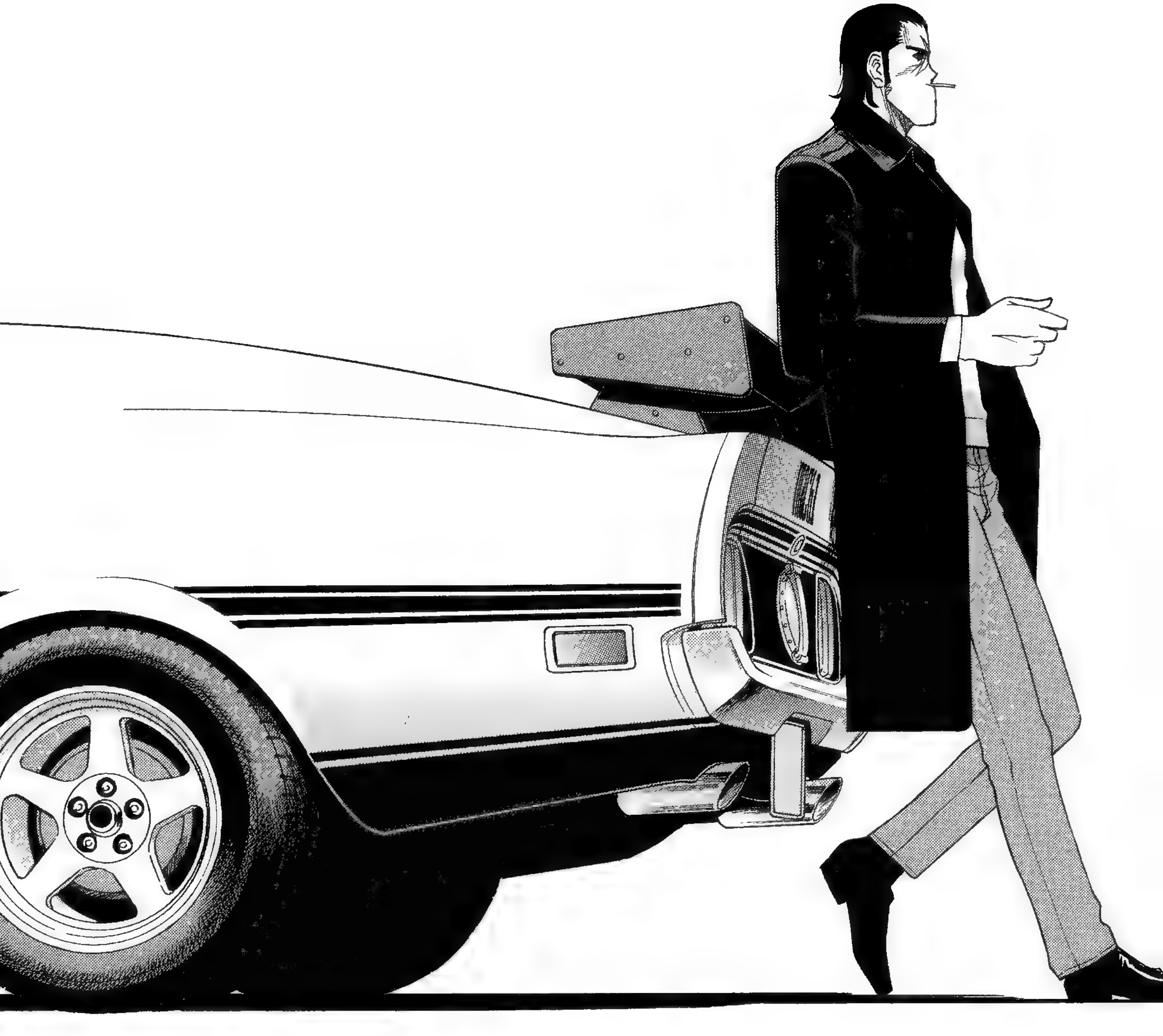
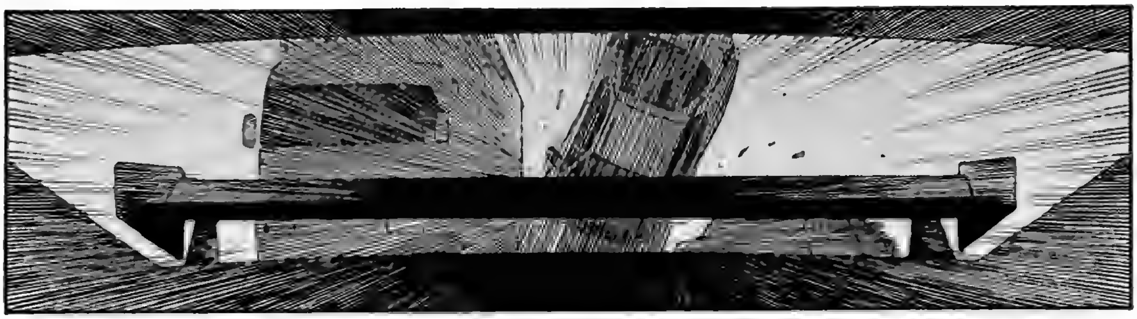
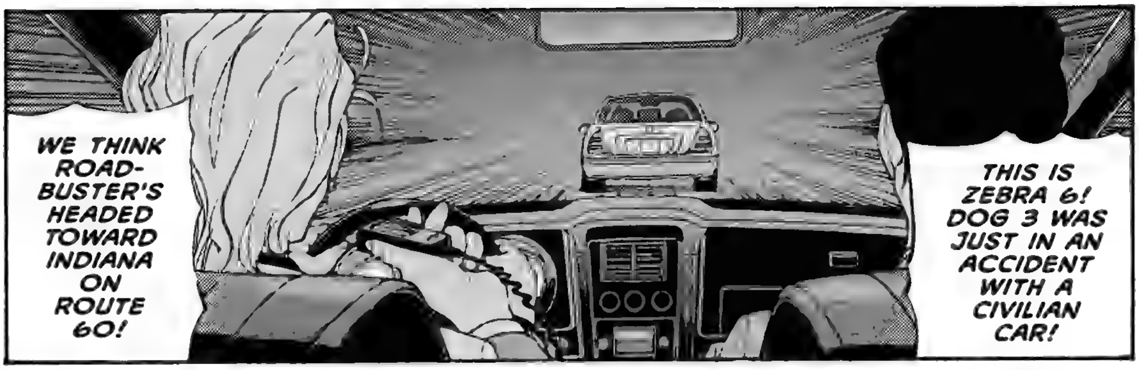
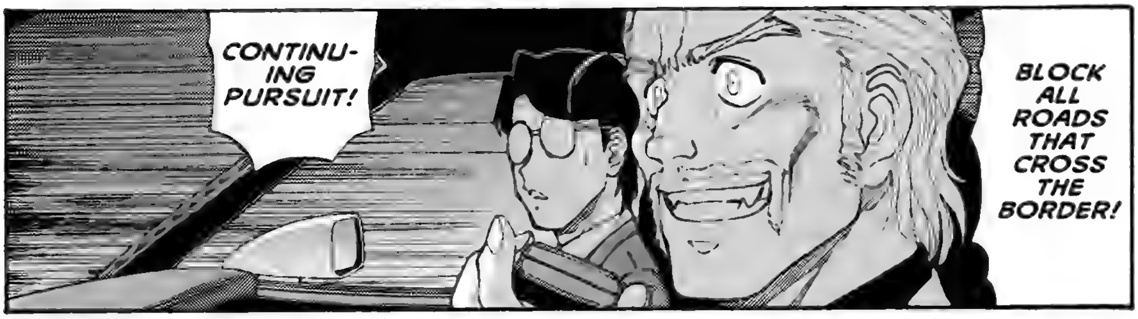
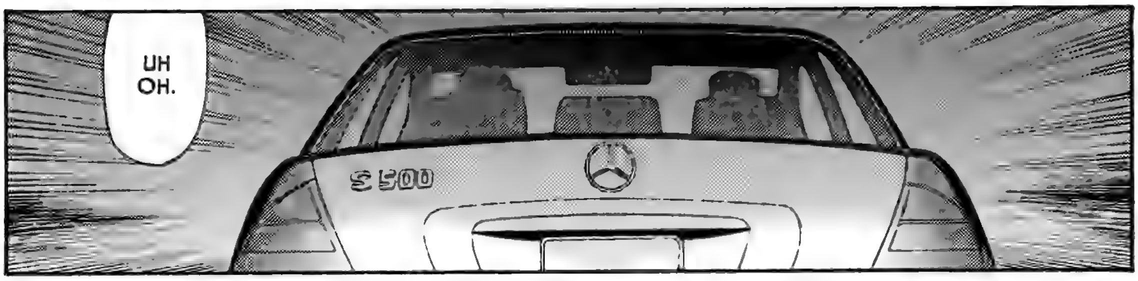
CHAPTER 47
150MPH SHAKE

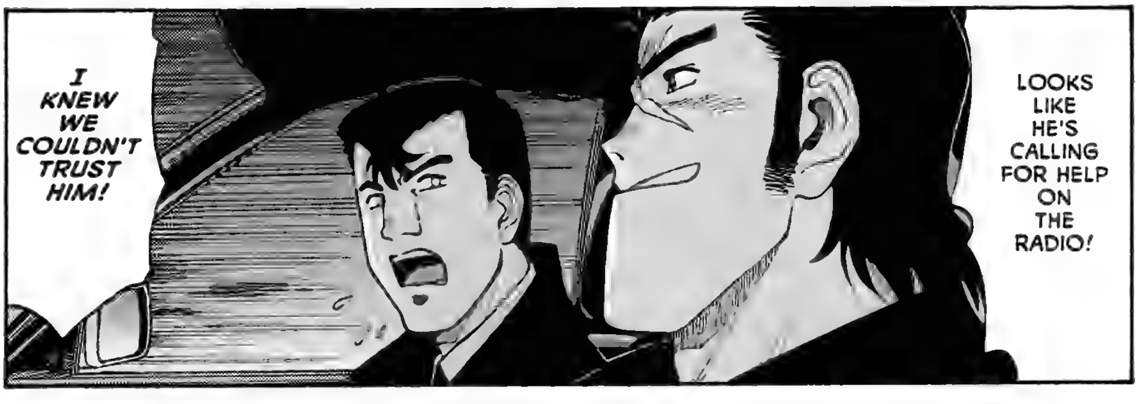


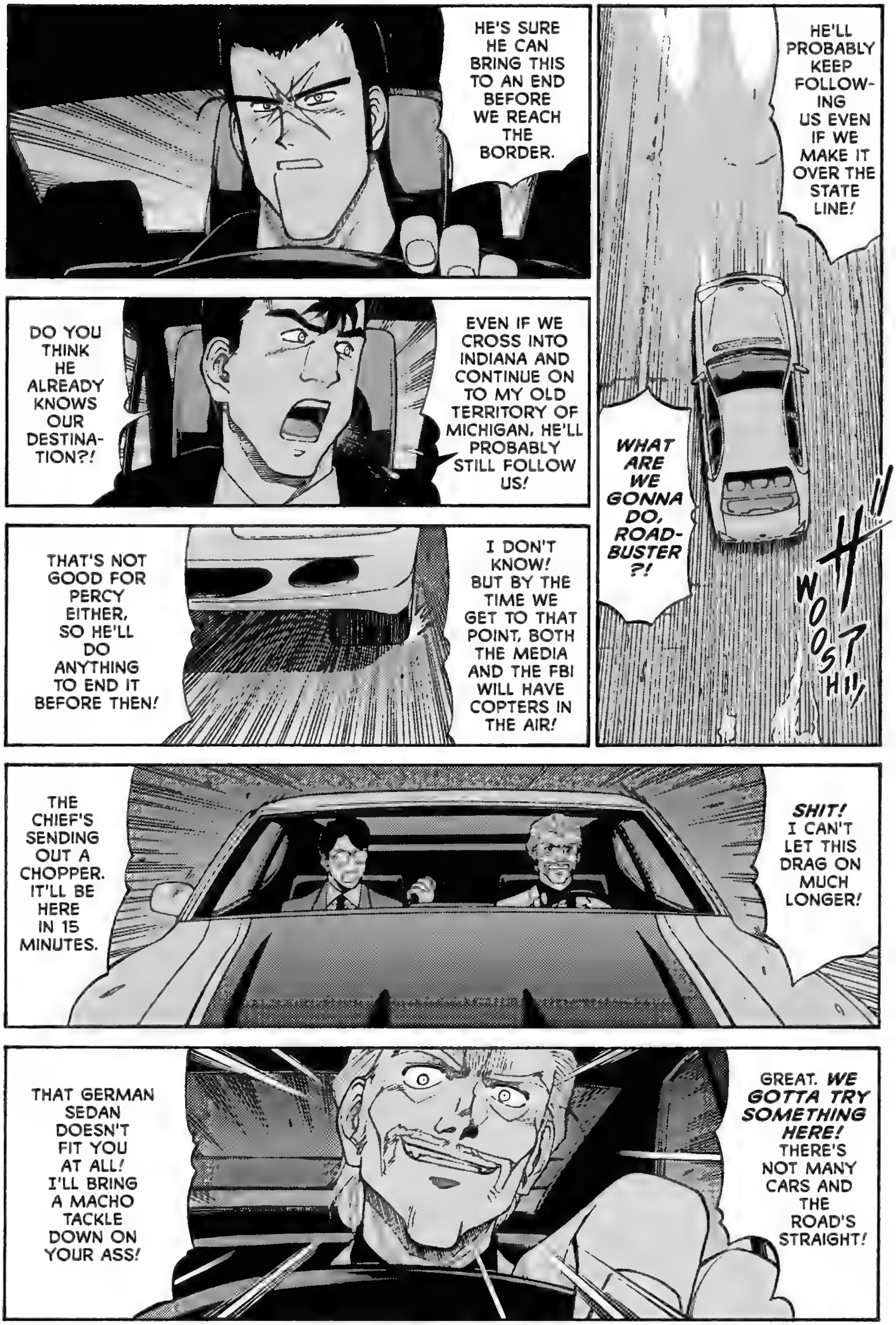


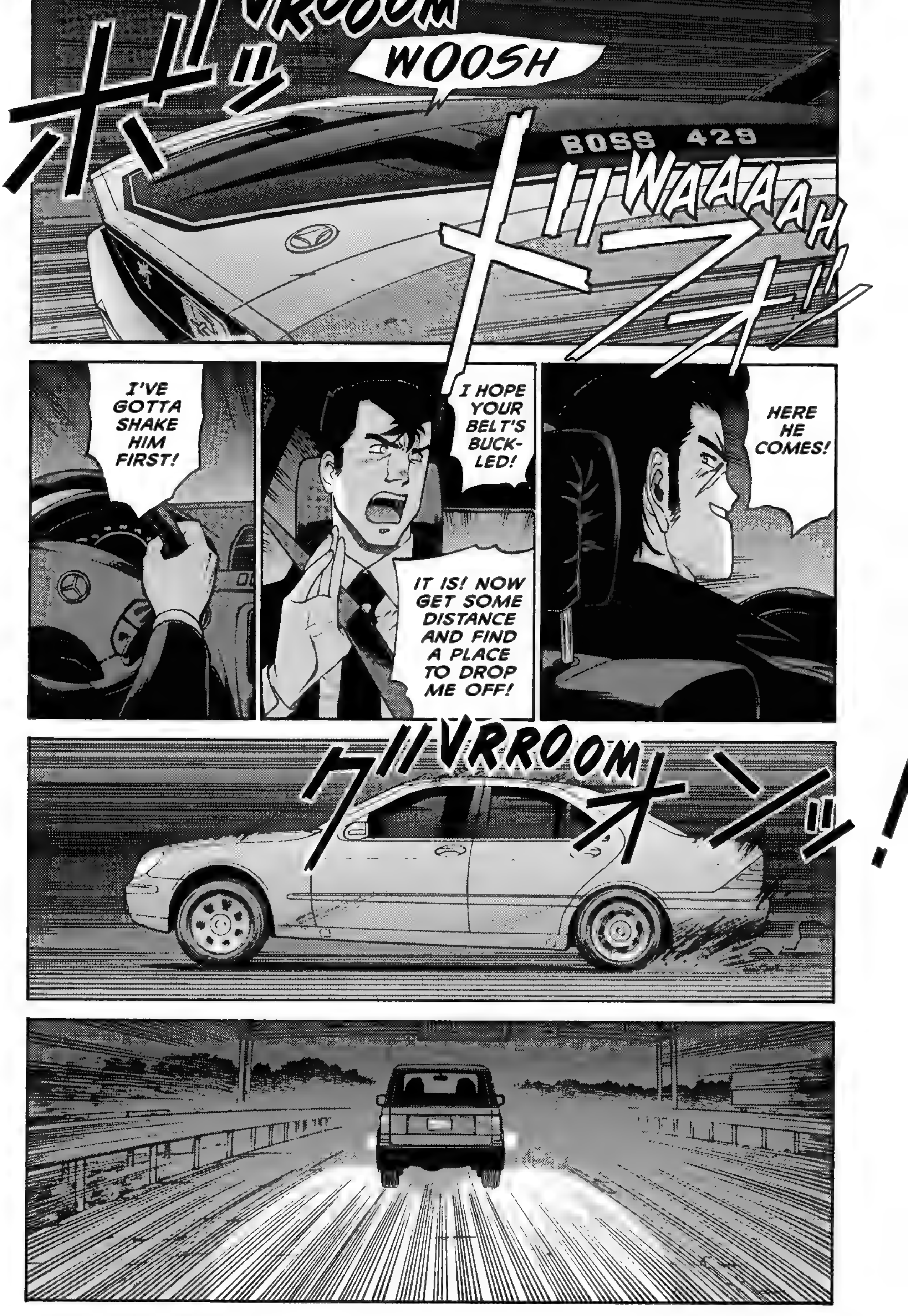

THIS IS ZEBRA 6! DOG 3 WAS JUST IN AN ACCIDENT WITH A CIVILIAN CAR!
WE THINK ROAD-BUSTER'S HEADED TOWARD INDIANA ON ROUTE 60!

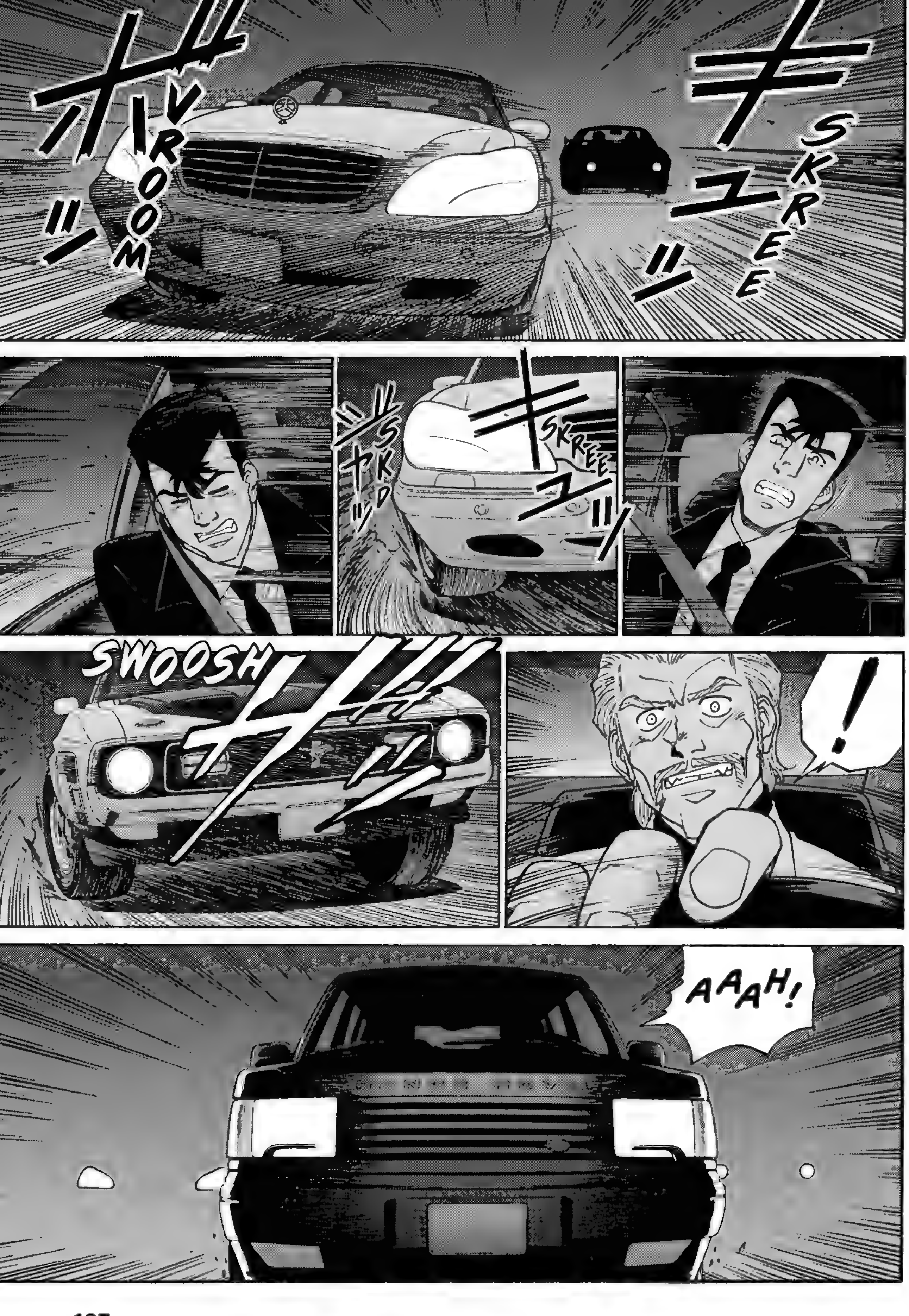

BLOCK ALL ROADS THAT CROSS THE BORDER!
CONTINUING PURSUIT!

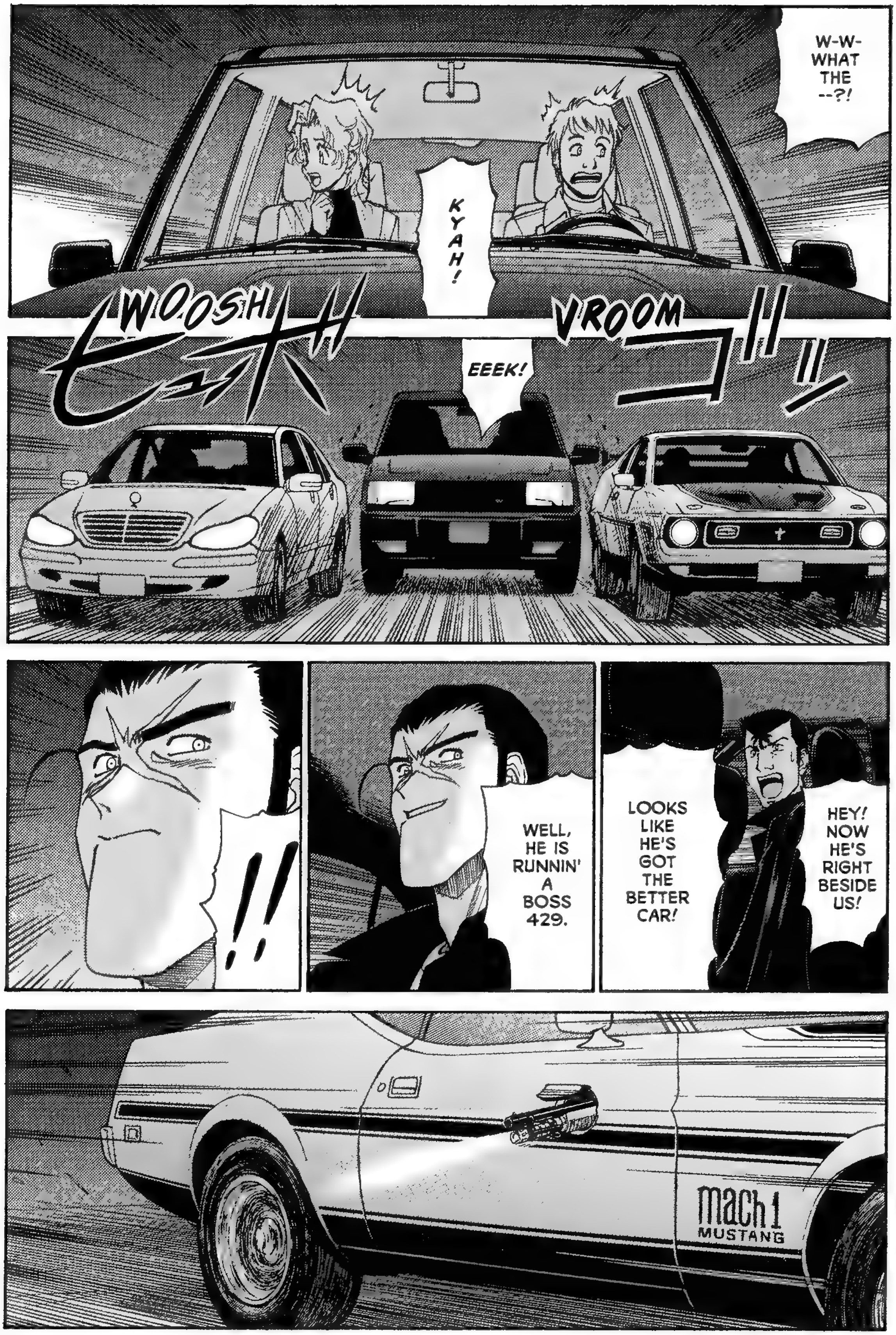

UH OH.
S500

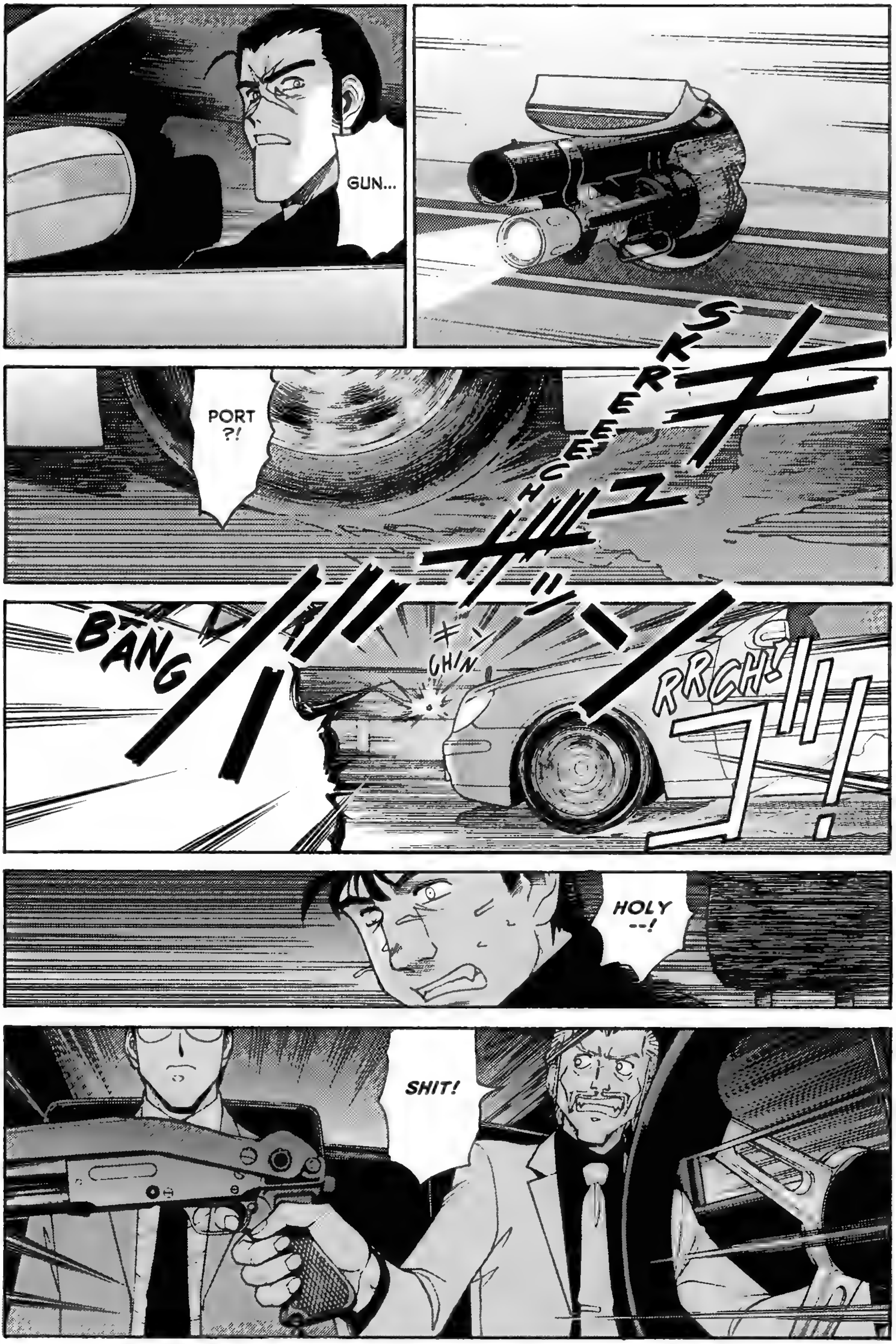

LOOKS LIKE HE'S CALLING FOR HELP ON THE RADIO!
I KNEW WE COULDN'T TRUST HIM!

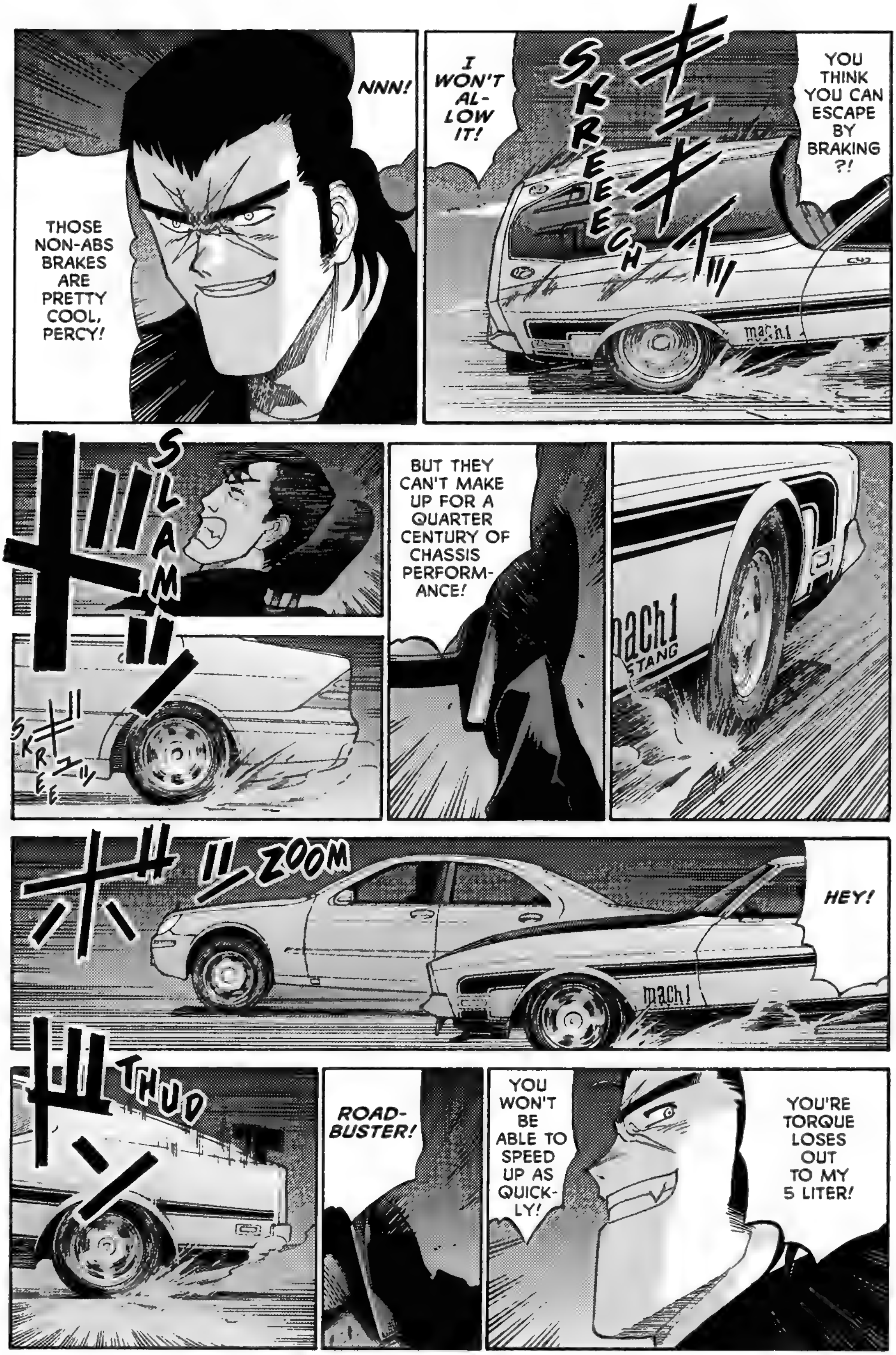

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, ROADBUSTER?!
HE'LL PROBABLY KEEP FOLLOWING US EVEN IF WE MAKE IT OVER THE STATE LINE!
WOOSH!!
HE'S SURE HE CAN BRING THIS TO AN END BEFORE WE REACH THE BORDER.
EVEN IF WE CROSS INTO INDIANA AND CONTINUE ON TO MY OLD TERRITORY OF MICHIGAN, HE'LL PROBABLY STILL FOLLOW US!
DO YOU THINK HE ALREADY KNOWS OUR DESTINATION?!
I DON'T KNOW! BUT BY THE TIME WE GET TO THAT POINT, BOTH THE MEDIA AND THE FBI WILL HAVE COPTERS IN THE AIR!
THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR PERCY EITHER, SO HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO END IT BEFORE THEN!
SHIT! I CAN'T LET THIS DRAG ON MUCH LONGER!
THE CHIEF'S SENDING OUT A CHOPPER. IT'LL BE HERE IN 15 MINUTES.
GREAT. WE GOTTA TRY SOMETHING HERE! THERE'S NOT MANY CARS AND THE ROAD'S STRAIGHT!
THAT GERMAN SEDAN DOESN'T FIT YOU AT ALL! I'LL BRING A MACHO TACKLE DOWN ON YOUR ASS!

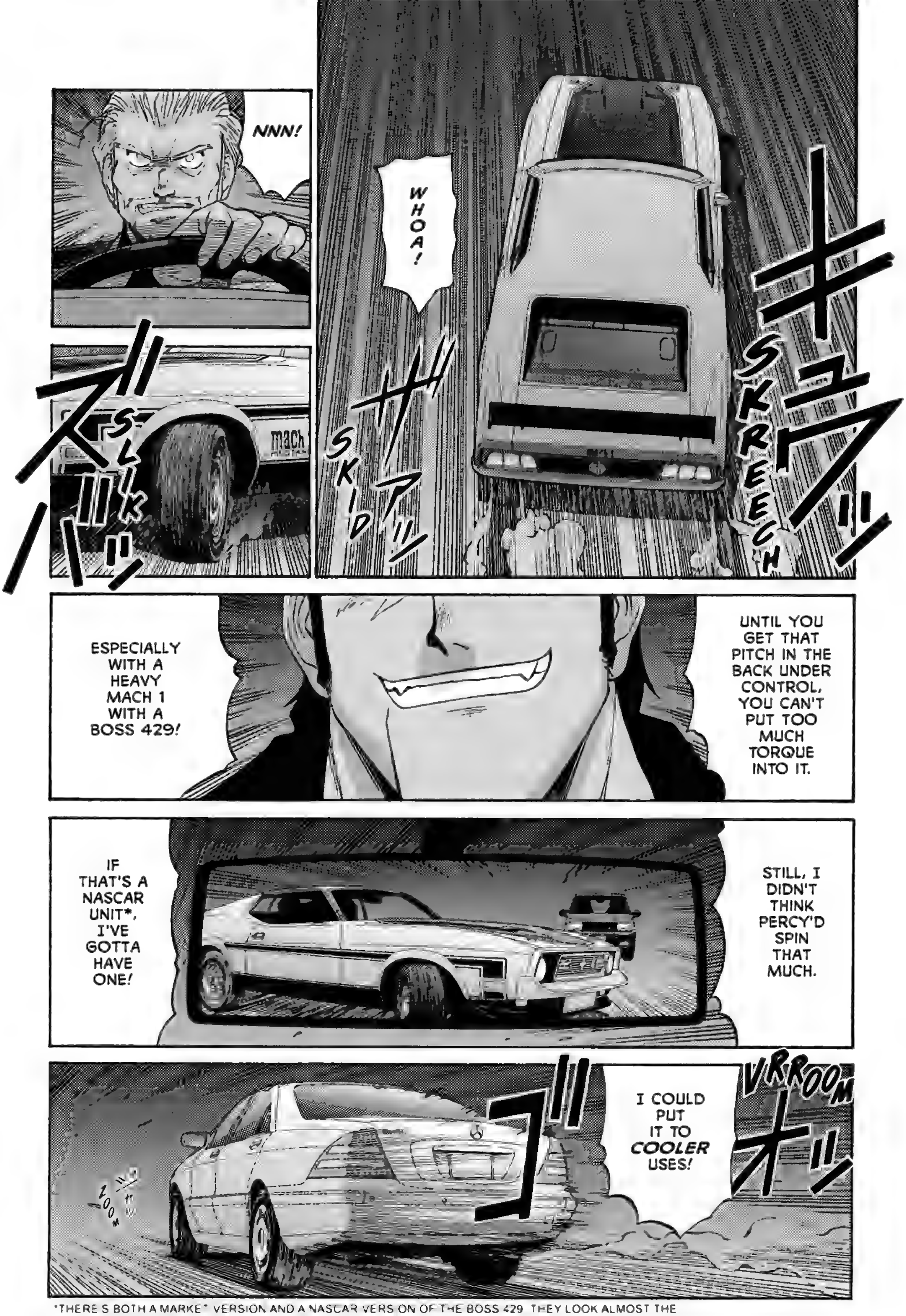

VROOOOM
WOOSH
BOSS 429
WAAAAAH
HERE HE COMES!
I HOPE YOUR BELT'S BUCKLED!
IT IS! NOW GET SOME DISTANCE AND FIND A PLACE TO DROP ME OFF!
I'VE GOTTA SHAKE HIM FIRST!
VRROOM


SKREEE
VROOM
SKREEE
SKID
SWOOSH
!
AAAH!

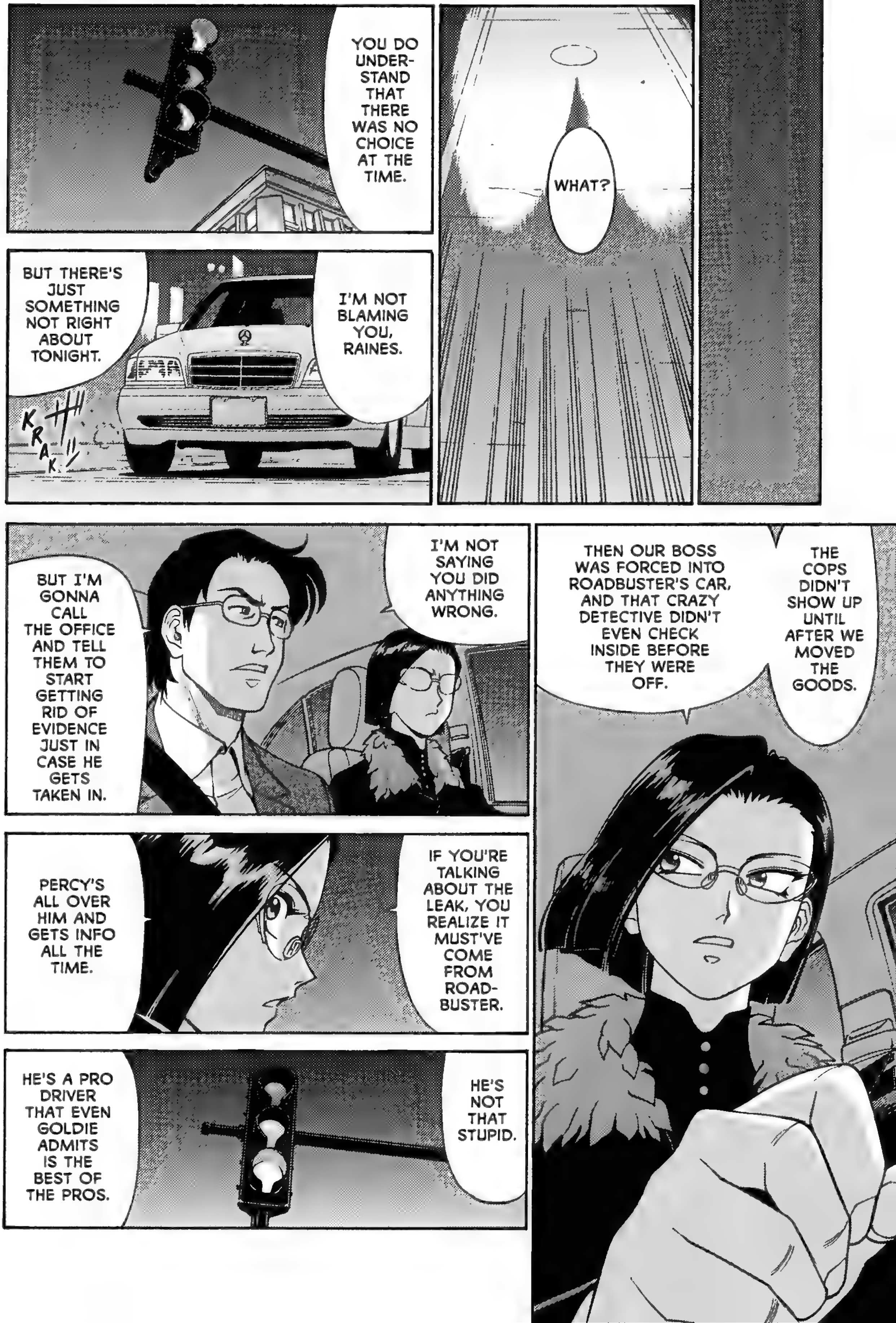

W-W-WHAT THE --?!
KYAH!
VROOM
EEEK!
WOOSH
HEY! NOW HE'S RIGHT BESIDE US!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT THE BETTER CAR!
WELL, HE IS RUNNIN' A BOSS 429.
!!
mach 1
MUSTANG

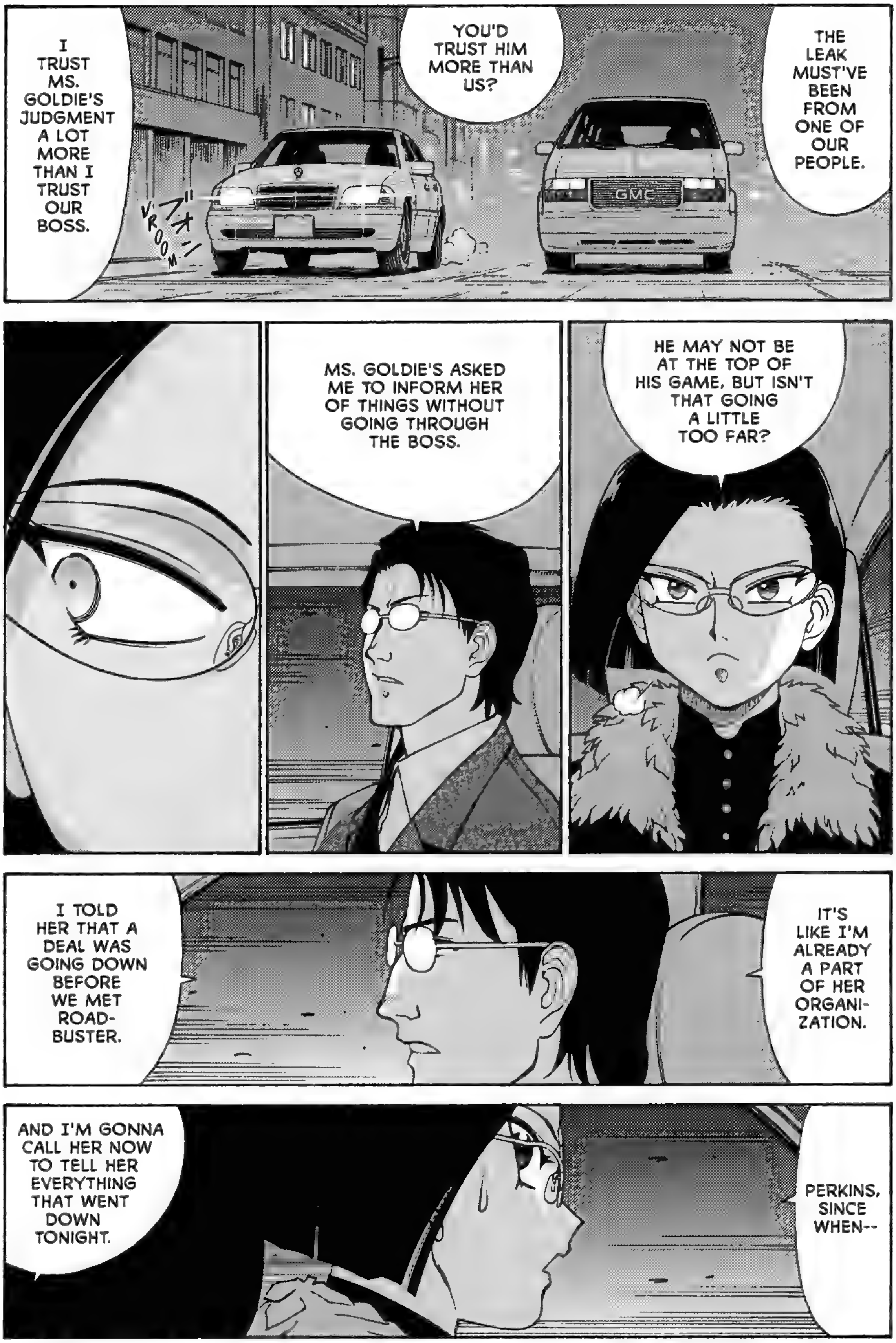

GUN...
SKREEECH
PORT ?!
BANG
キン
CHIN
RRCH!
HOLY --!
SHIT!

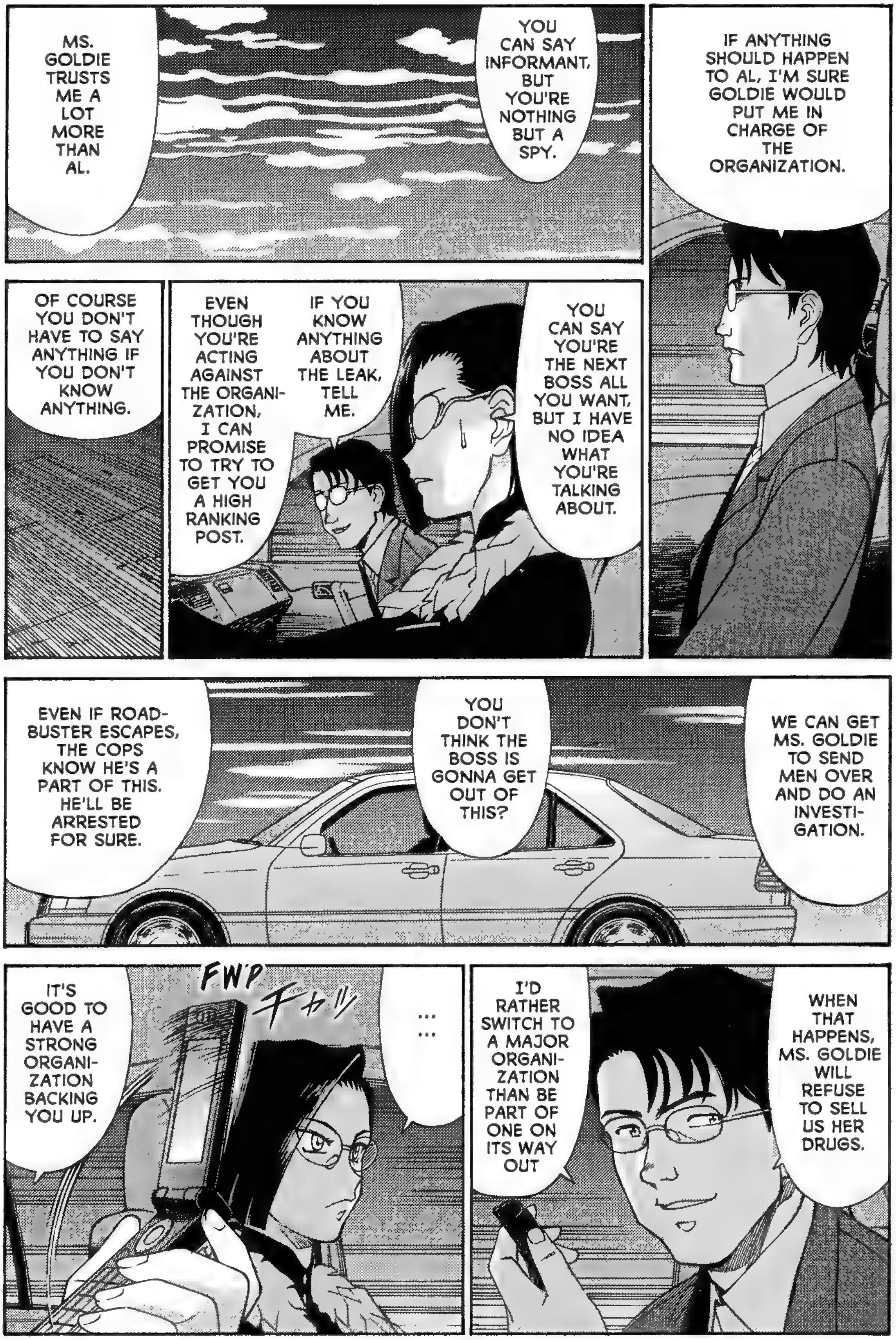

YOU THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE BY BRAKING?!
SKREECH
I WON'T ALLOW IT!
mach1
NNN!
THOSE NON-ABS BRAKES ARE PRETTY COOL, PERCY!
mach1 STANG
BUT THEY CAN'T MAKE UP FOR A QUARTER CENTURY OF CHASSIS PERFORMANCE!
SLAM
SKREE
HEY!
ZOOM
mach1
YOU'RE TORQUE LOSES OUT TO MY 5 LITER!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SPEED UP AS QUICKLY!
ROAD-BUSTER!
THUD


WHOA!
SKREECH
SKID
NNN!
SLLK
mach 1
UNTIL YOU GET THAT PITCH IN THE BACK UNDER CONTROL, YOU CAN'T PUT TOO MUCH TORQUE INTO IT.
ESPECIALLY WITH A HEAVY MACH 1 WITH A BOSS 429!
STILL, I DIDN'T THINK PERCY'D SPIN THAT MUCH.
IF THAT'S A NASCAR UNIT*, I'VE GOTTA HAVE ONE!
VRROOM
I COULD PUT IT TO *COOLER* USES!
ZOOM

*THERE'S BOTH A MARKET VERSION AND A NASCAR VERSION OF THE BOSS 429 THEY LOOK ALMOST THE SAME BUT THE NASCAR VERSION HAS A LOT MORE POWER


WHAT?
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS NO CHOICE AT THE TIME.
I'M NOT BLAMING YOU, RAINES.
BUT THERE'S JUST SOMETHING NOT RIGHT ABOUT TONIGHT.
KRAK
THE COPS DIDN'T SHOW UP UNTIL AFTER WE MOVED THE GOODS.
THEN OUR BOSS WAS FORCED INTO ROADBUSTER'S CAR, AND THAT CRAZY DETECTIVE DIDN'T EVEN CHECK INSIDE BEFORE THEY WERE OFF.
I'M NOT SAYING YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG.
BUT I'M GONNA CALL THE OFFICE AND TELL THEM TO START GETTING RID OF EVIDENCE JUST IN CASE HE GETS TAKEN IN.
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE LEAK, YOU REALIZE IT MUST'VE COME FROM ROADBUSTER.
PERCY'S ALL OVER HIM AND GETS INFO ALL THE TIME.
HE'S NOT THAT STUPID.
HE'S A PRO DRIVER THAT EVEN GOLDIE ADMITS IS THE BEST OF THE PROS.


THE LEAK MUST'VE BEEN FROM ONE OF OUR PEOPLE.
YOU'D TRUST HIM MORE THAN US?
I TRUST MS. GOLDIE'S JUDGMENT A LOT MORE THAN I TRUST OUR BOSS.
VROOM
GMC
HE MAY NOT BE AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME, BUT ISN'T THAT GOING A LITTLE TOO FAR?
MS. GOLDIE'S ASKED ME TO INFORM HER OF THINGS WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE BOSS.
IT'S LIKE I'M ALREADY A PART OF HER ORGANIZATION.
I TOLD HER THAT A DEAL WAS GOING DOWN BEFORE WE MET ROAD-BUSTER.
PERKINS, SINCE WHEN--
AND I'M GONNA CALL HER NOW TO TELL HER EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN TONIGHT.


IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO AL, I'M SURE GOLDIE WOULD PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THE ORGANIZATION.
YOU CAN SAY INFORMANT, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A SPY.
MS. GOLDIE TRUSTS ME A LOT MORE THAN AL.
YOU CAN SAY YOU'RE THE NEXT BOSS ALL YOU WANT, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
IF YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LEAK, TELL ME.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ACTING AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION, I CAN PROMISE TO TRY TO GET YOU A HIGH RANKING POST.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
WE CAN GET MS. GOLDIE TO SEND MEN OVER AND DO AN INVESTIGATION.
YOU DON'T THINK THE BOSS IS GONNA GET OUT OF THIS?
EVEN IF ROADBUSTER ESCAPES, THE COPS KNOW HE'S A PART OF THIS. HE'LL BE ARRESTED FOR SURE.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, MS. GOLDIE WILL REFUSE TO SELL US HER DRUGS.
I'D RATHER SWITCH TO A MAJOR ORGANIZATION THAN BE PART OF ONE ON ITS WAY OUT
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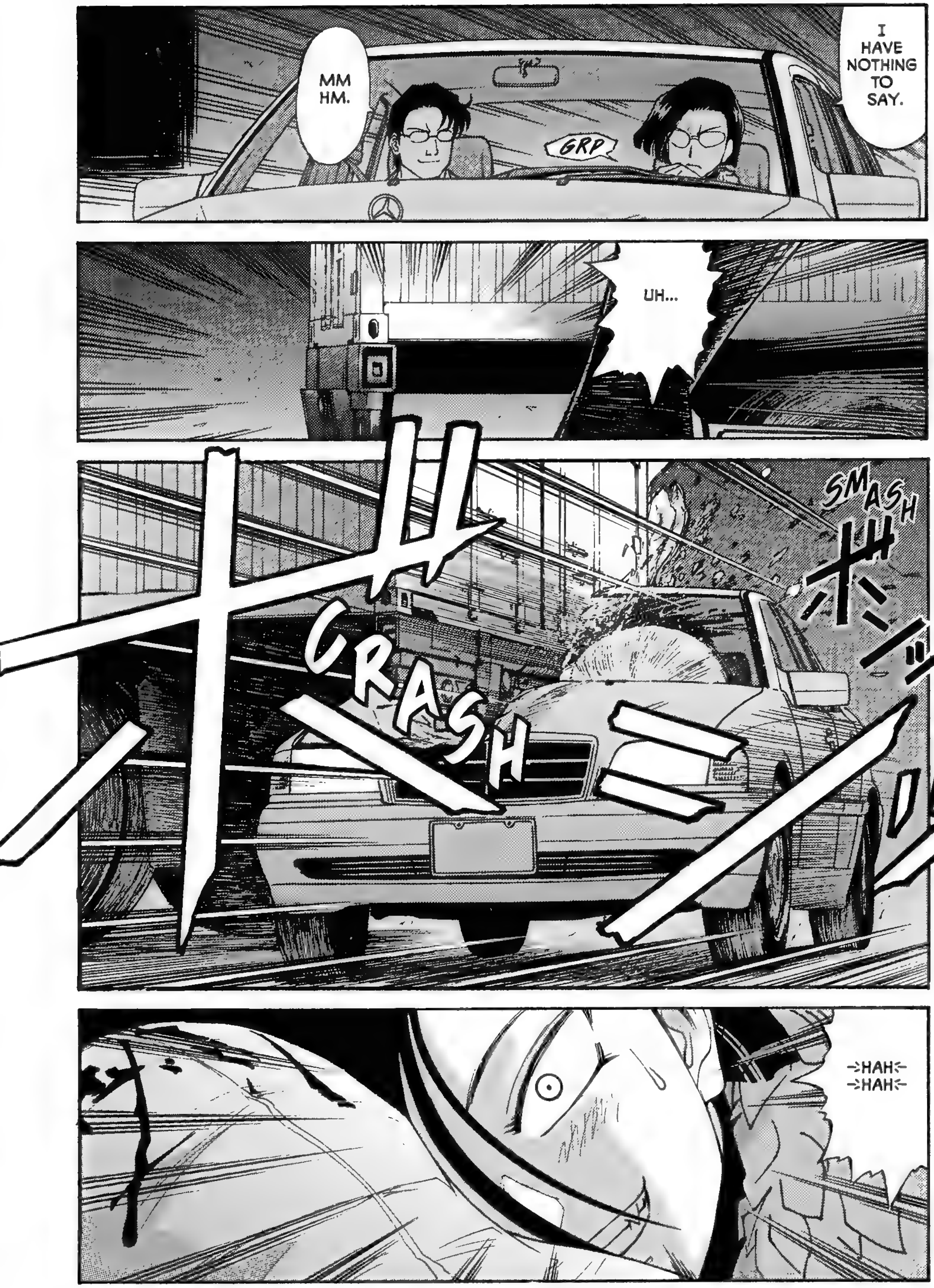
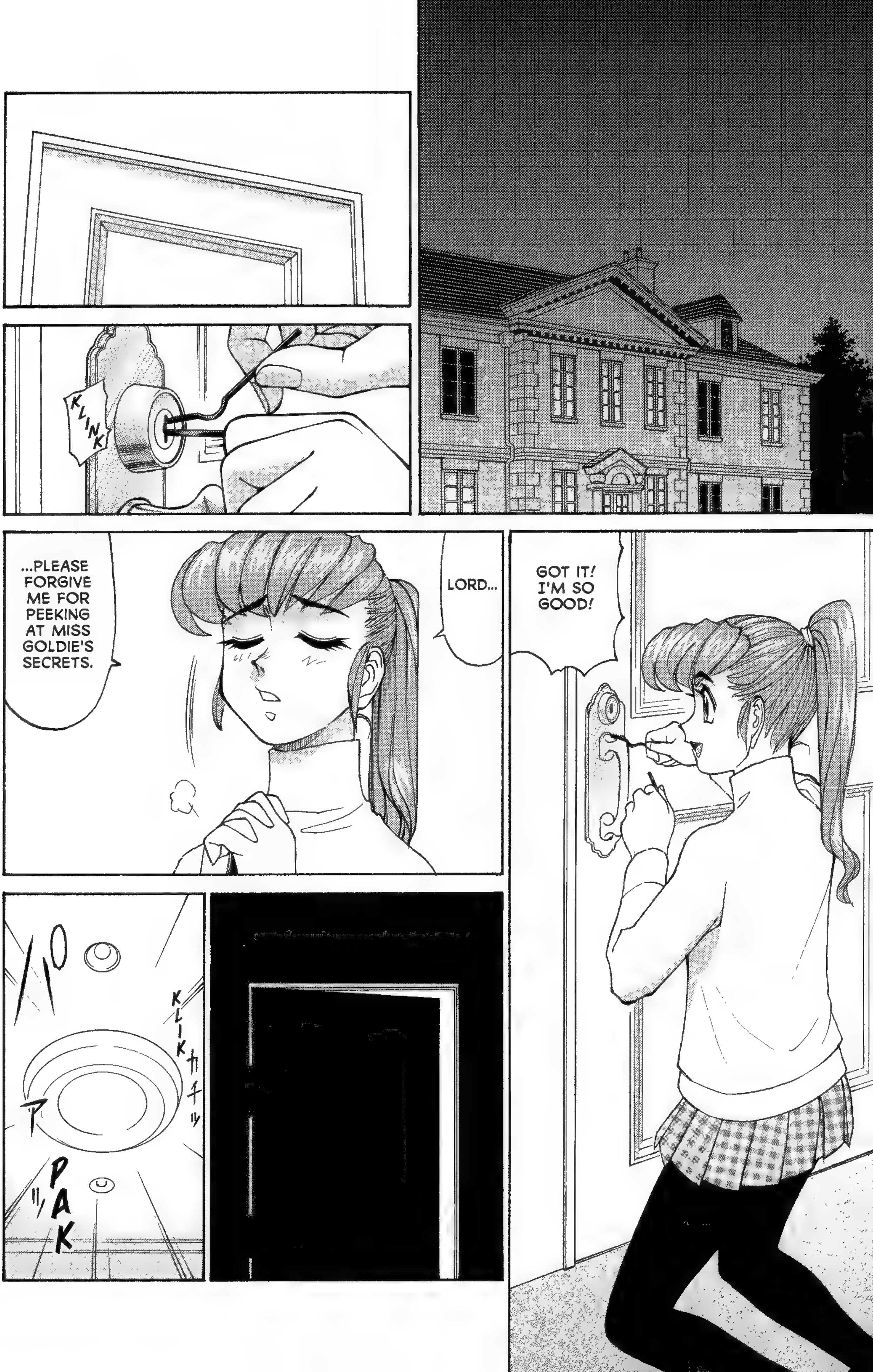
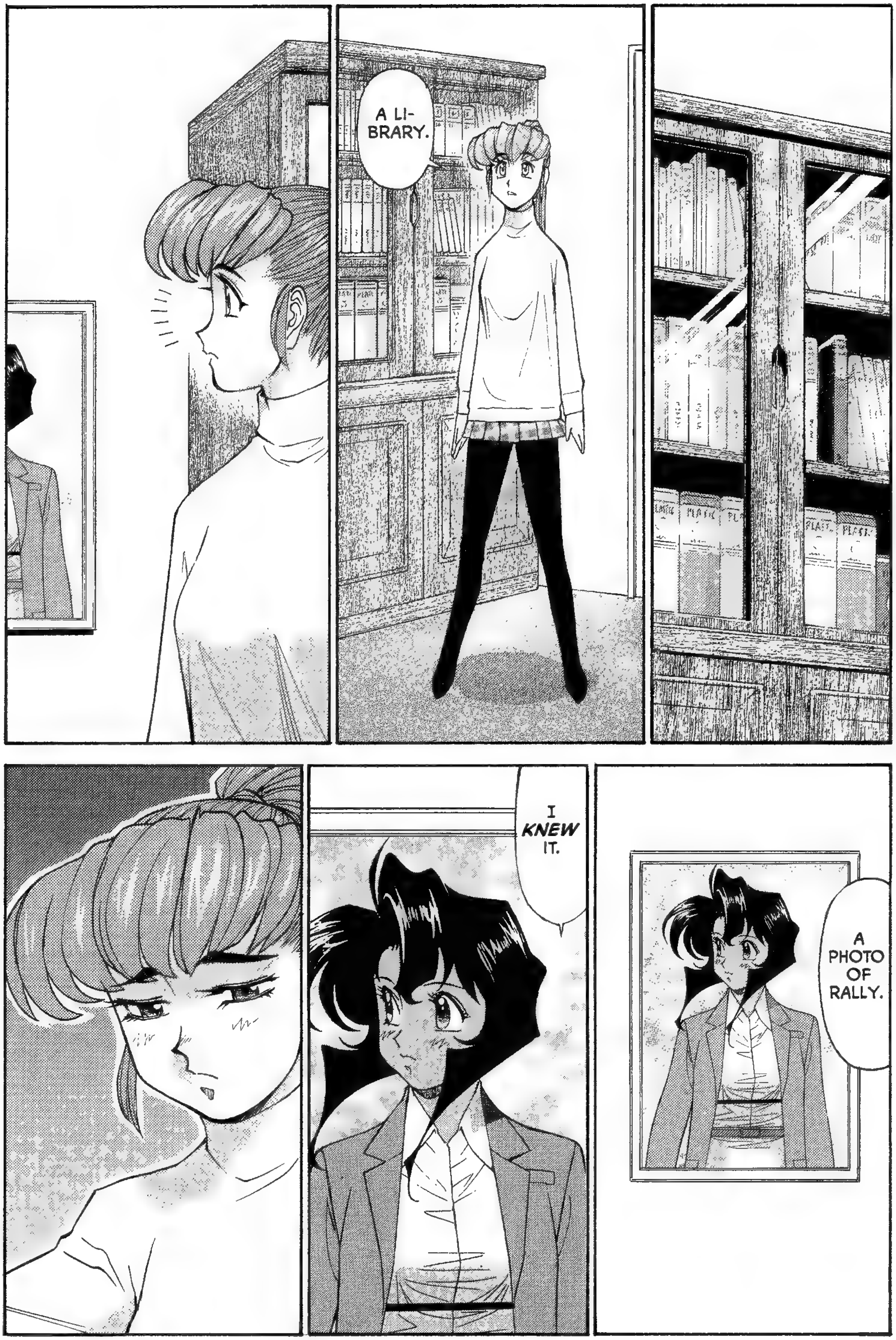
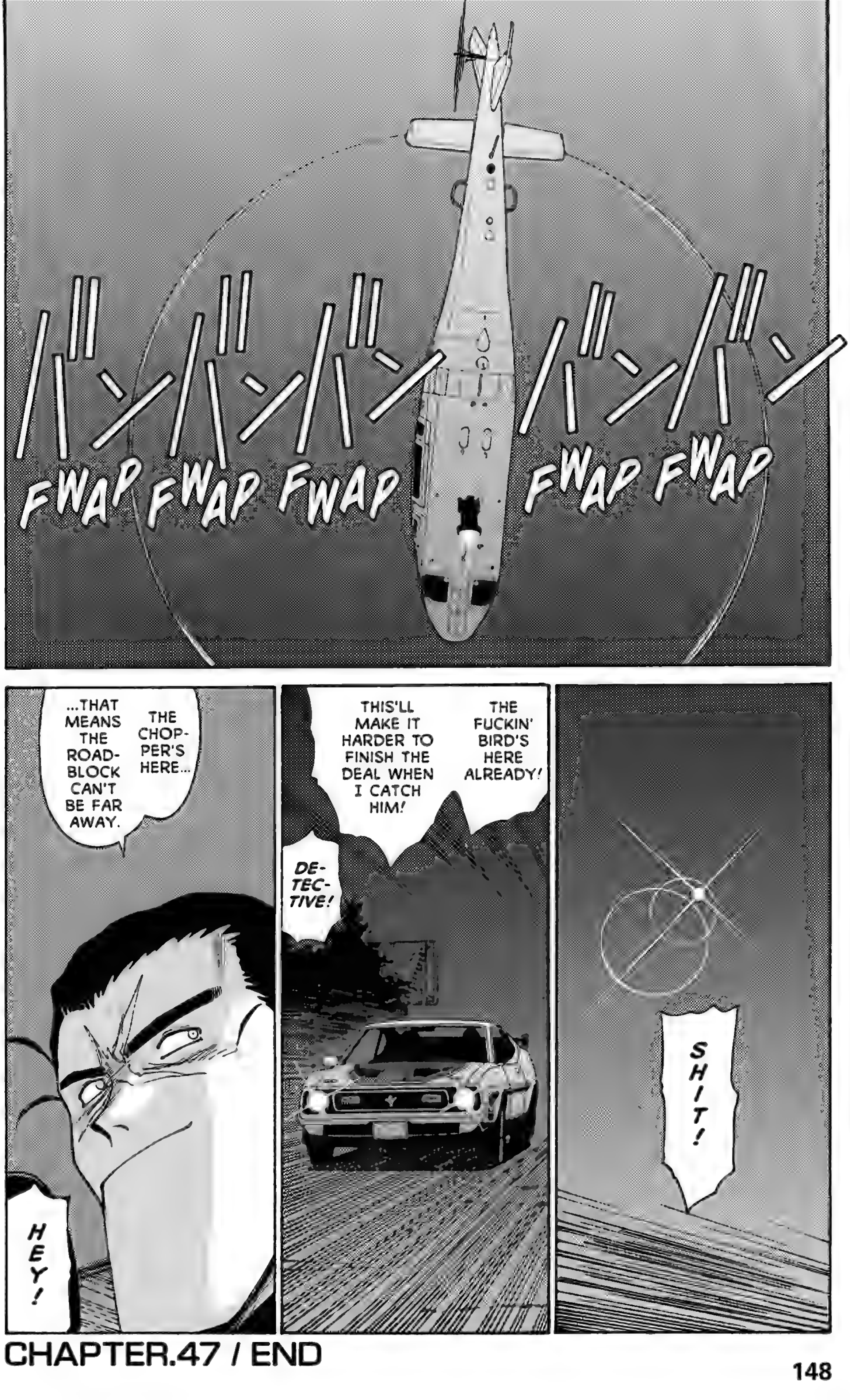
FWP
チャッ
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A STRONG ORGANIZATION BACKING YOU UP.


I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.
GRP
MM HM.
UH...
SMASH
CRASH
HAH
HAH


KLINK
GOT IT! I'M SO GOOD!
LORD...
...PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR PEEKING AT MISS GOLDIE'S SECRETS.
KLIK
カチッ
PAK
パッ


A LIBRARY.
A PHOTO OF RALLY.
I *KNEW* IT.


バンバンバン
FWAP FWAP FWAP
バンバン
FWAP FWAP
SHIT!
THE FUCKIN' BIRD'S HERE ALREADY!
THIS'LL MAKE IT HARDER TO FINISH THE DEAL WHEN I CATCH HIM!
DETECTIVE!
THE CHOPPER'S HERE...
...THAT MEANS THE ROADBLOCK CAN'T BE FAR AWAY.
HEY!

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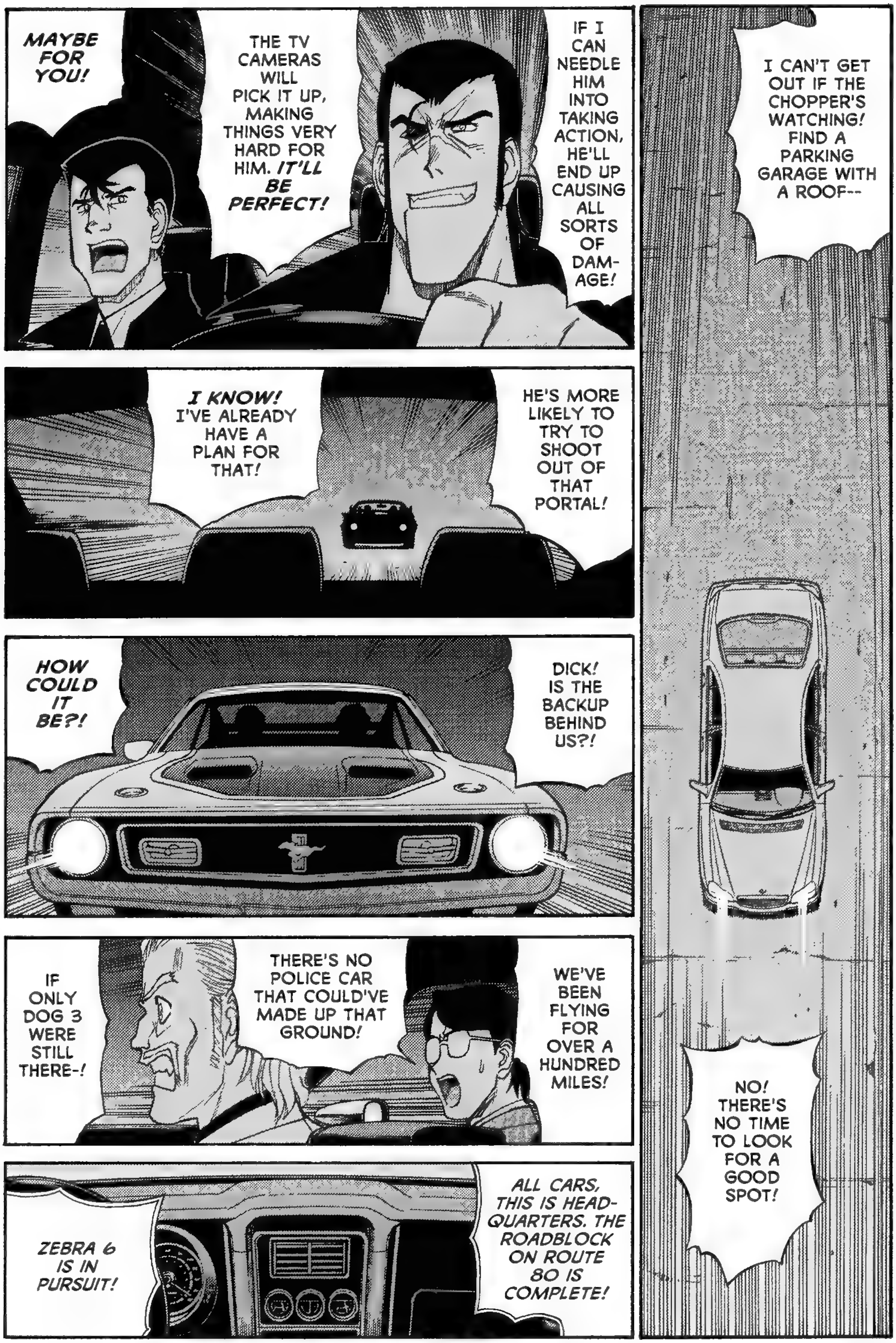
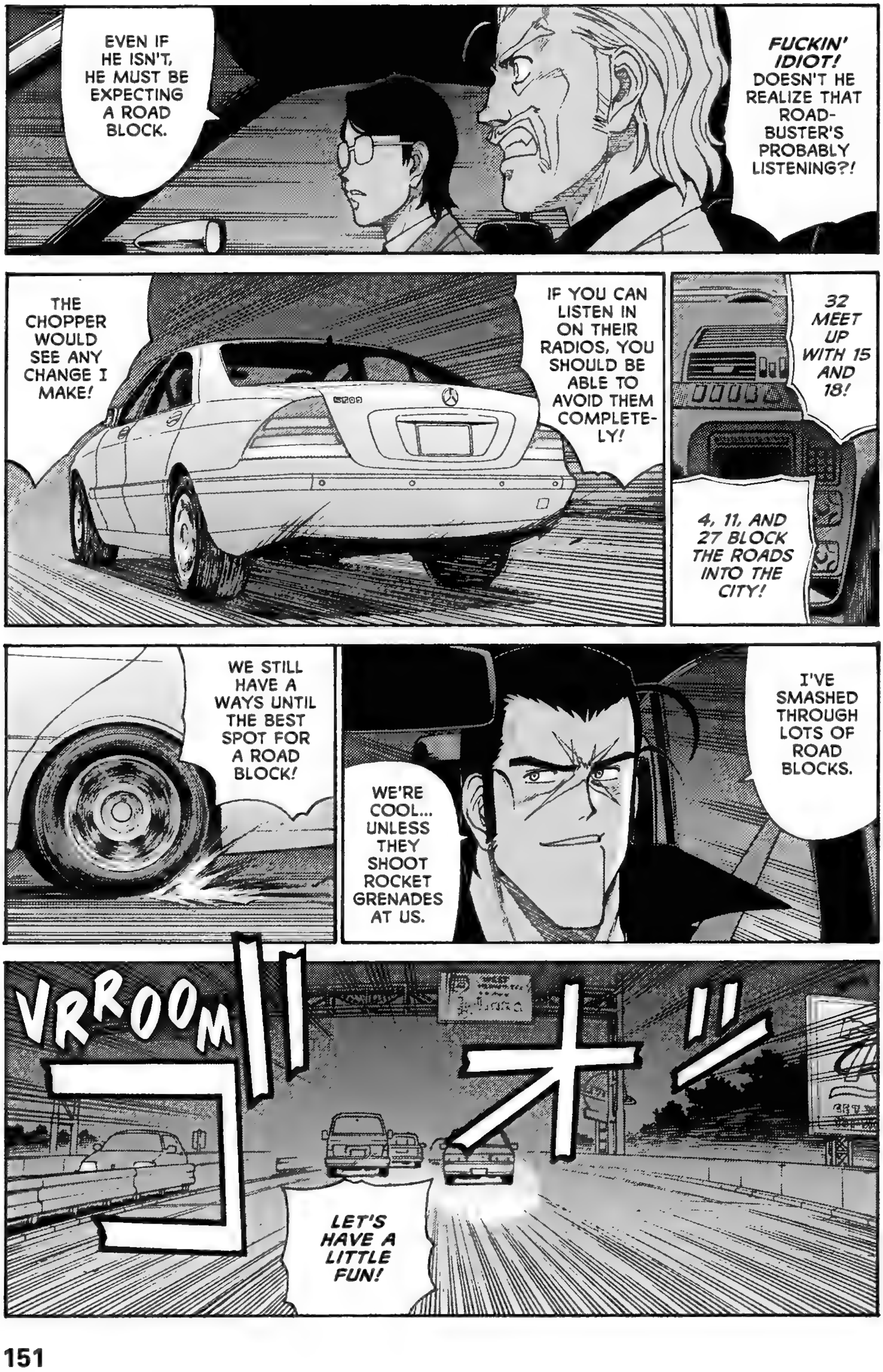
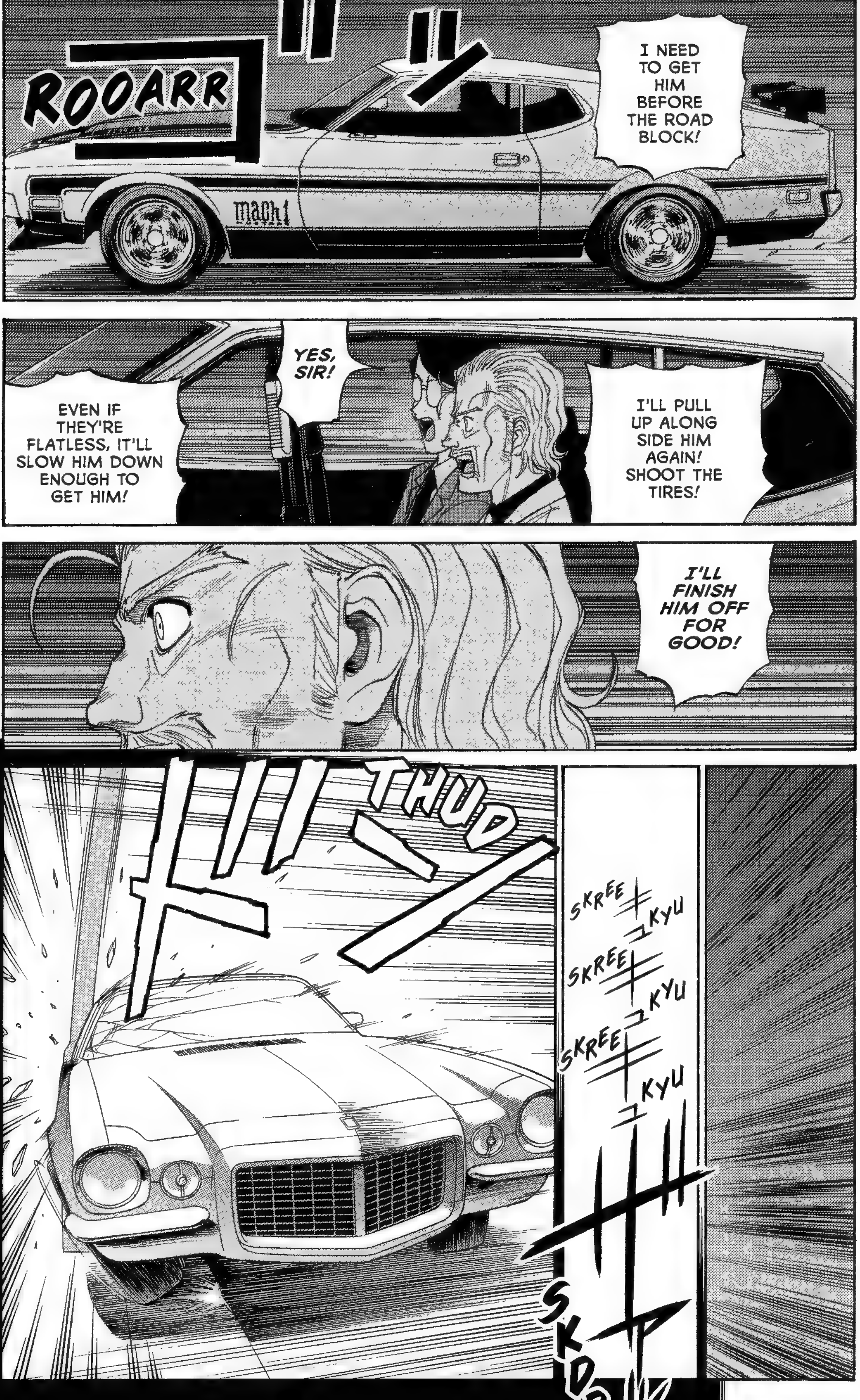
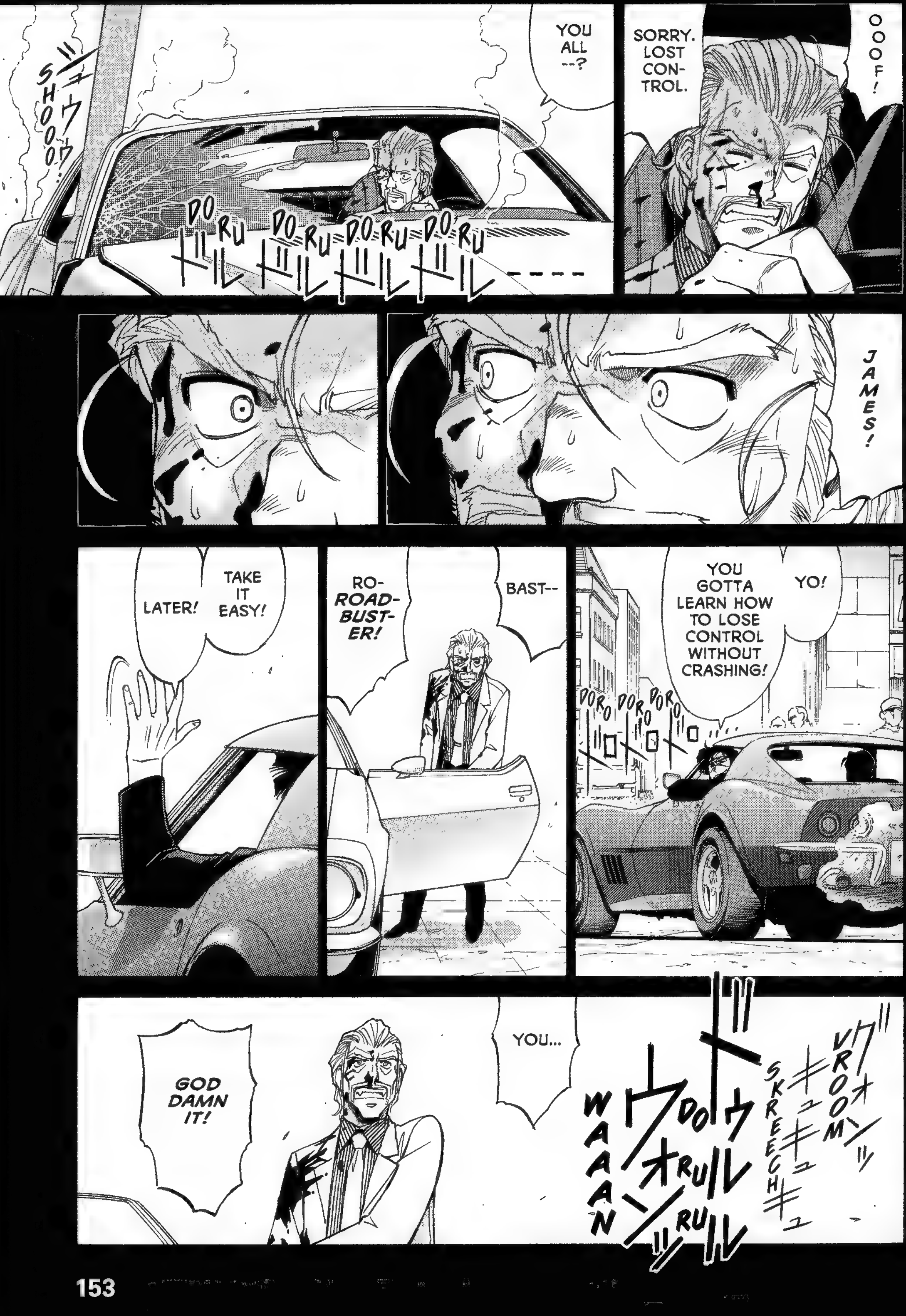
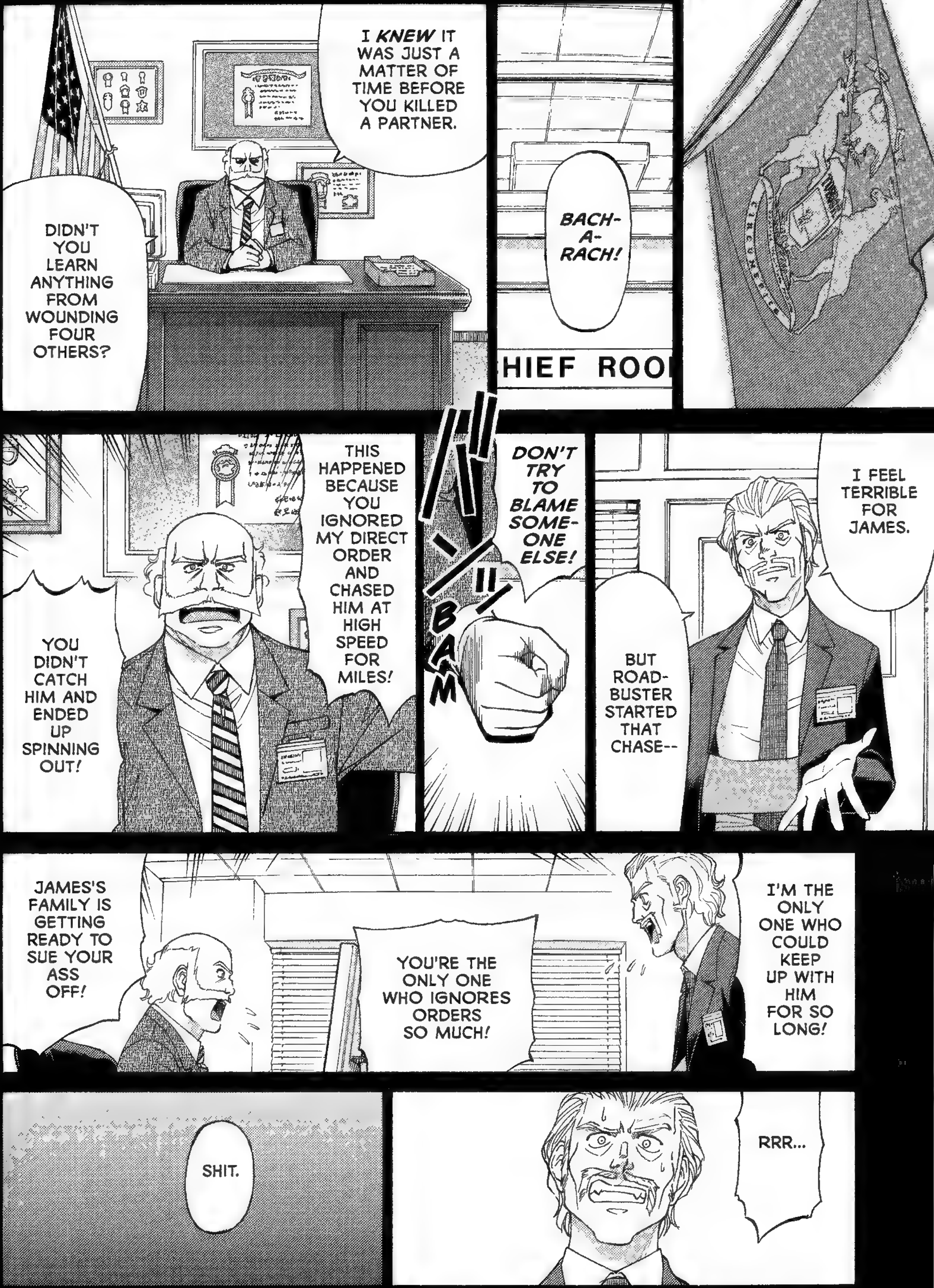
CHAPTER 48
PERCY

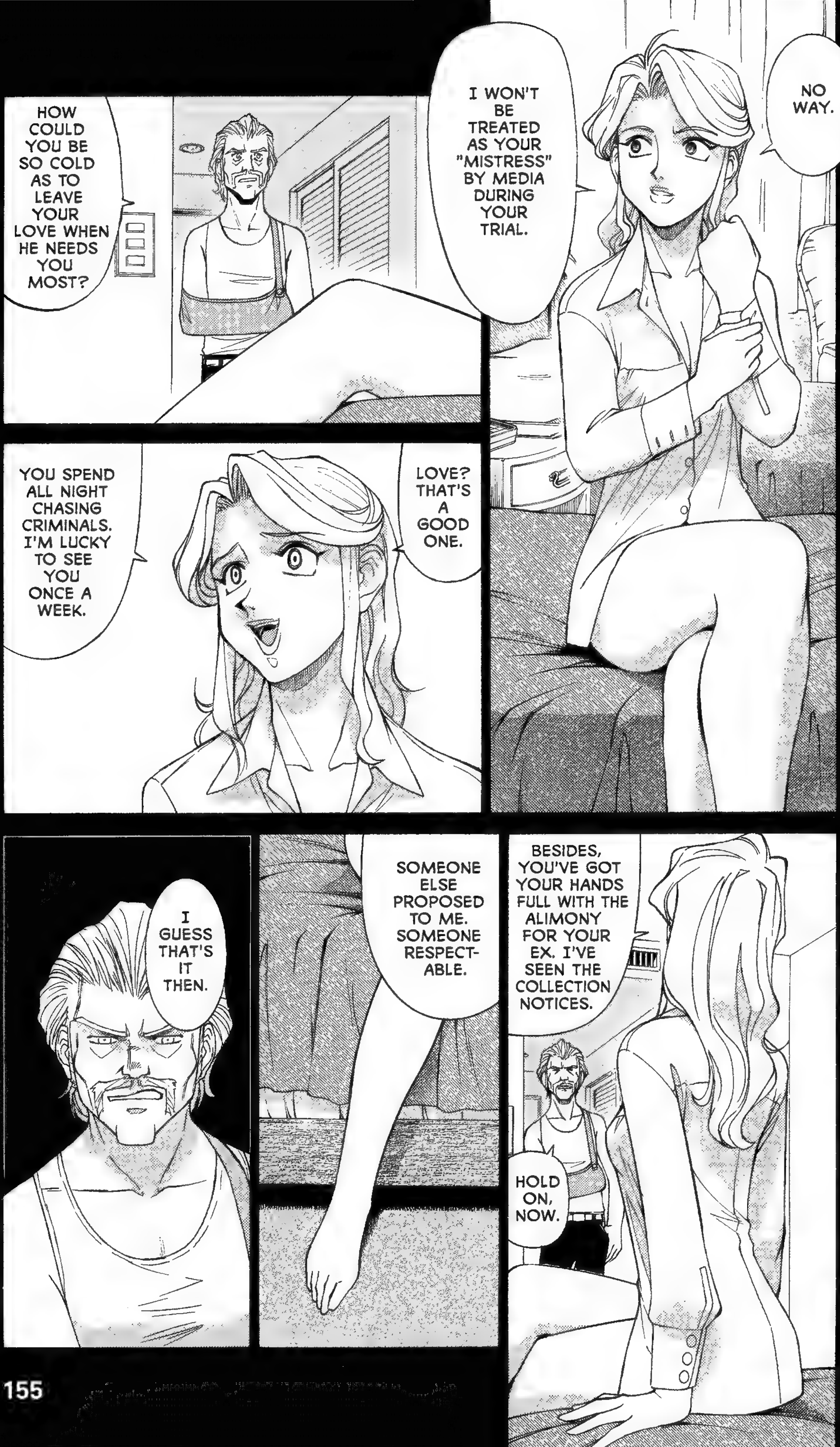

IF I CAN NEEDLE HIM INTO TAKING ACTION, HE'LL END UP CAUSING ALL SORTS OF DAMAGE!
THE TV CAMERAS WILL PICK IT UP, MAKING THINGS VERY HARD FOR HIM. *IT'LL BE PERFECT!*
MAYBE FOR YOU!
HE'S MORE LIKELY TO TRY TO SHOOT OUT OF THAT PORTAL!
I KNOW! I'VE ALREADY HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT!
DICK! IS THE BACKUP BEHIND US?!
HOW COULD IT BE?!
WE'VE BEEN FLYING FOR OVER A HUNDRED MILES!
THERE'S NO POLICE CAR THAT COULD'VE MADE UP THAT GROUND!
IF ONLY DOG 3 WERE STILL THERE-!
ALL CARS, THIS IS HEADQUARTERS. THE ROADBLOCK ON ROUTE 80 IS COMPLETE!
ZEBRA 6 IS IN PURSUIT!
I CAN'T GET OUT IF THE CHOPPER'S WATCHING! FIND A PARKING GARAGE WITH A ROOF--
NO! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOOK FOR A GOOD SPOT!

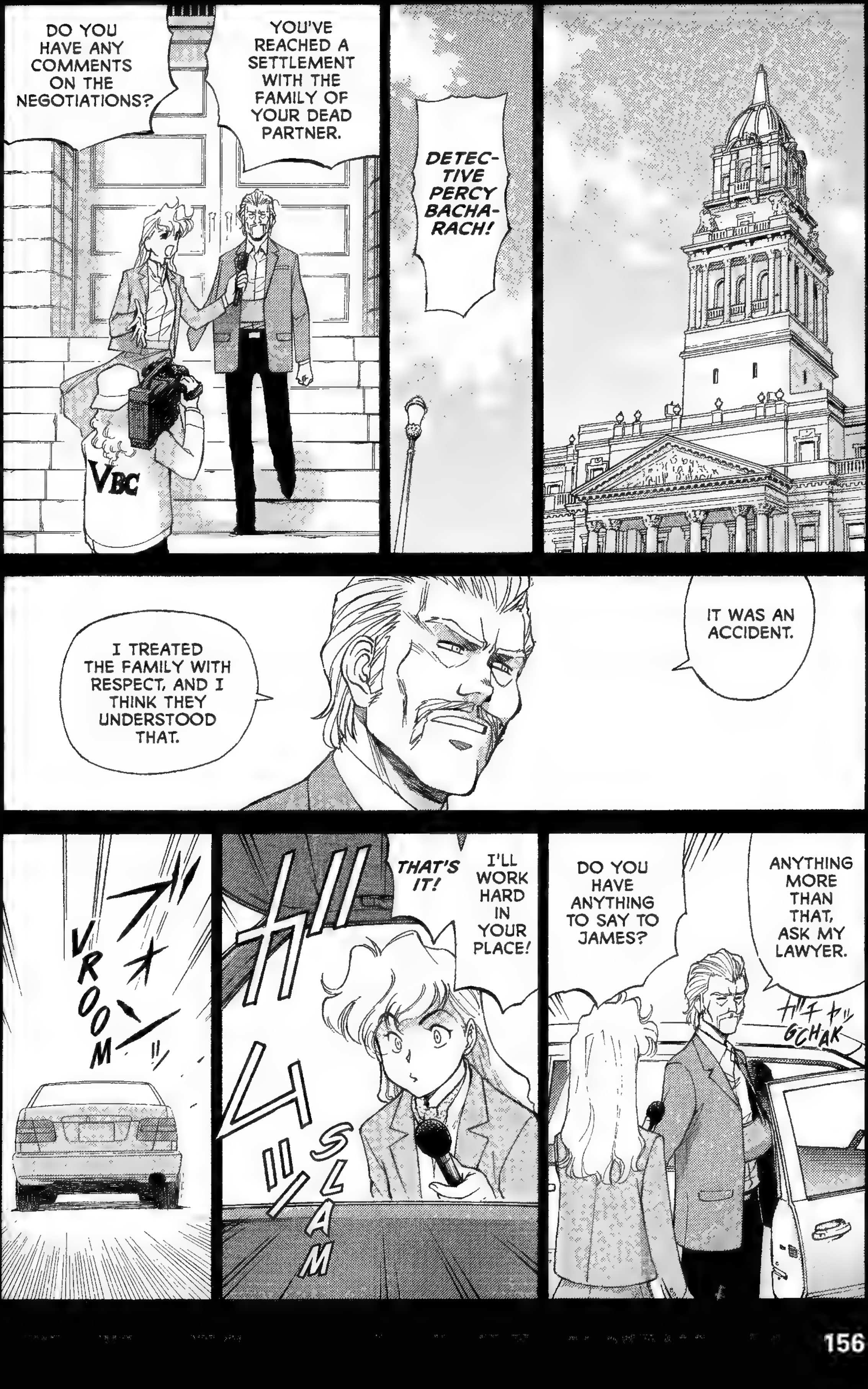

FUCKIN' IDIOT! DOESN'T HE REALIZE THAT ROAD-BUSTER'S PROBABLY LISTENING?!
EVEN IF HE ISN'T, HE MUST BE EXPECTING A ROAD BLOCK.
32 MEET UP WITH 15 AND 18!
4, 11, AND 27 BLOCK THE ROADS INTO THE CITY!
IF YOU CAN LISTEN IN ON THEIR RADIOS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID THEM COMPLETELY!
THE CHOPPER WOULD SEE ANY CHANGE I MAKE!
I'VE SMASHED THROUGH LOTS OF ROAD BLOCKS.
WE'RE COOL... UNLESS THEY SHOOT ROCKET GRENADES AT US.
WE STILL HAVE A WAYS UNTIL THE BEST SPOT FOR A ROAD BLOCK!
VRROOM
コオッ
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE FUN!

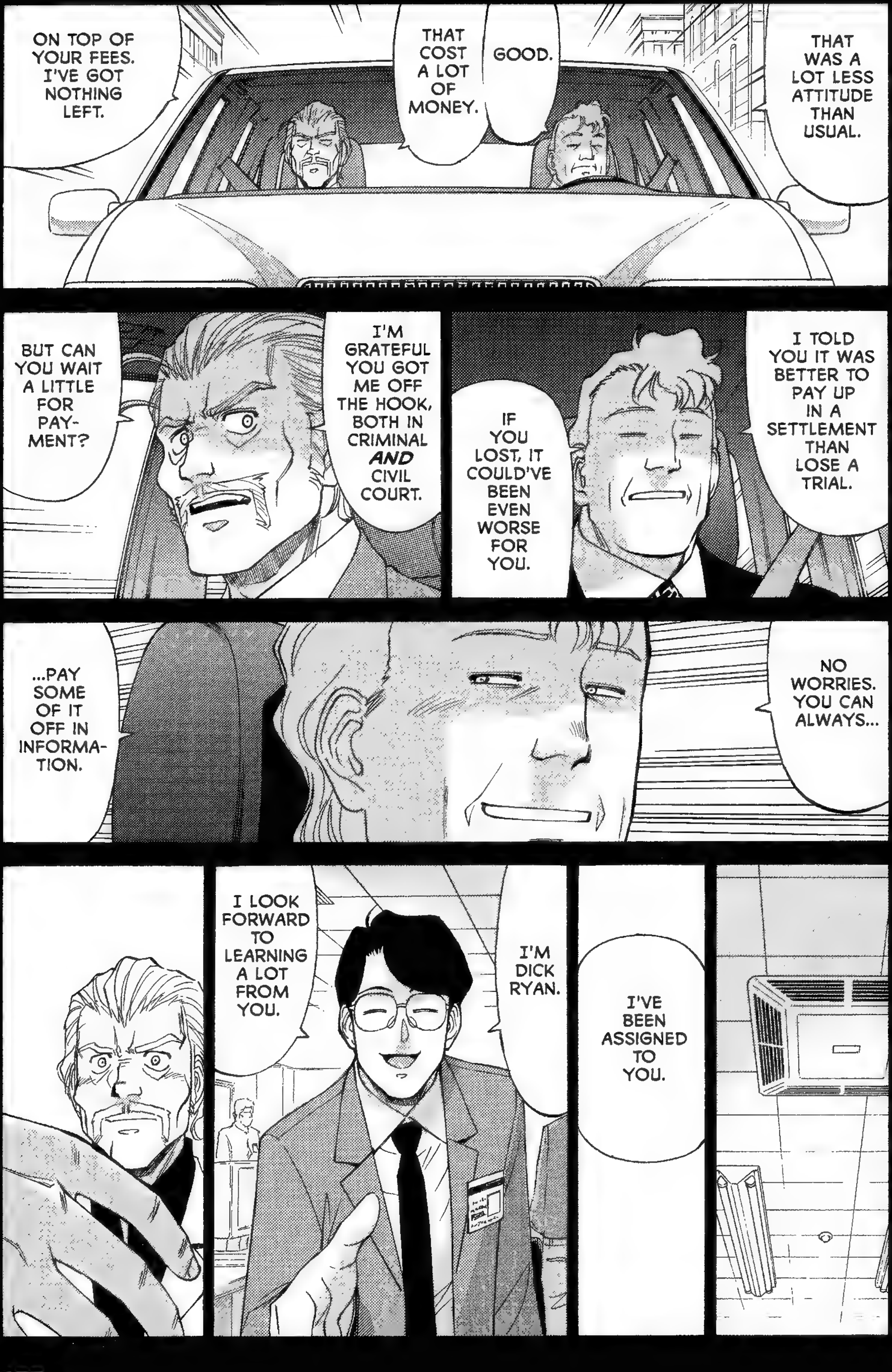

ROOARR
mach1
I NEED TO GET HIM BEFORE THE ROAD BLOCK!
I'LL PULL UP ALONG SIDE HIM AGAIN! SHOOT THE TIRES!
YES, SIR!
EVEN IF THEY'RE FLATLESS, IT'LL SLOW HIM DOWN ENOUGH TO GET HIM!
I'LL FINISH HIM OFF FOR GOOD!
THUD
SKREE KYU
SKREE KYU
SKREE KYU
KYU
SKDD

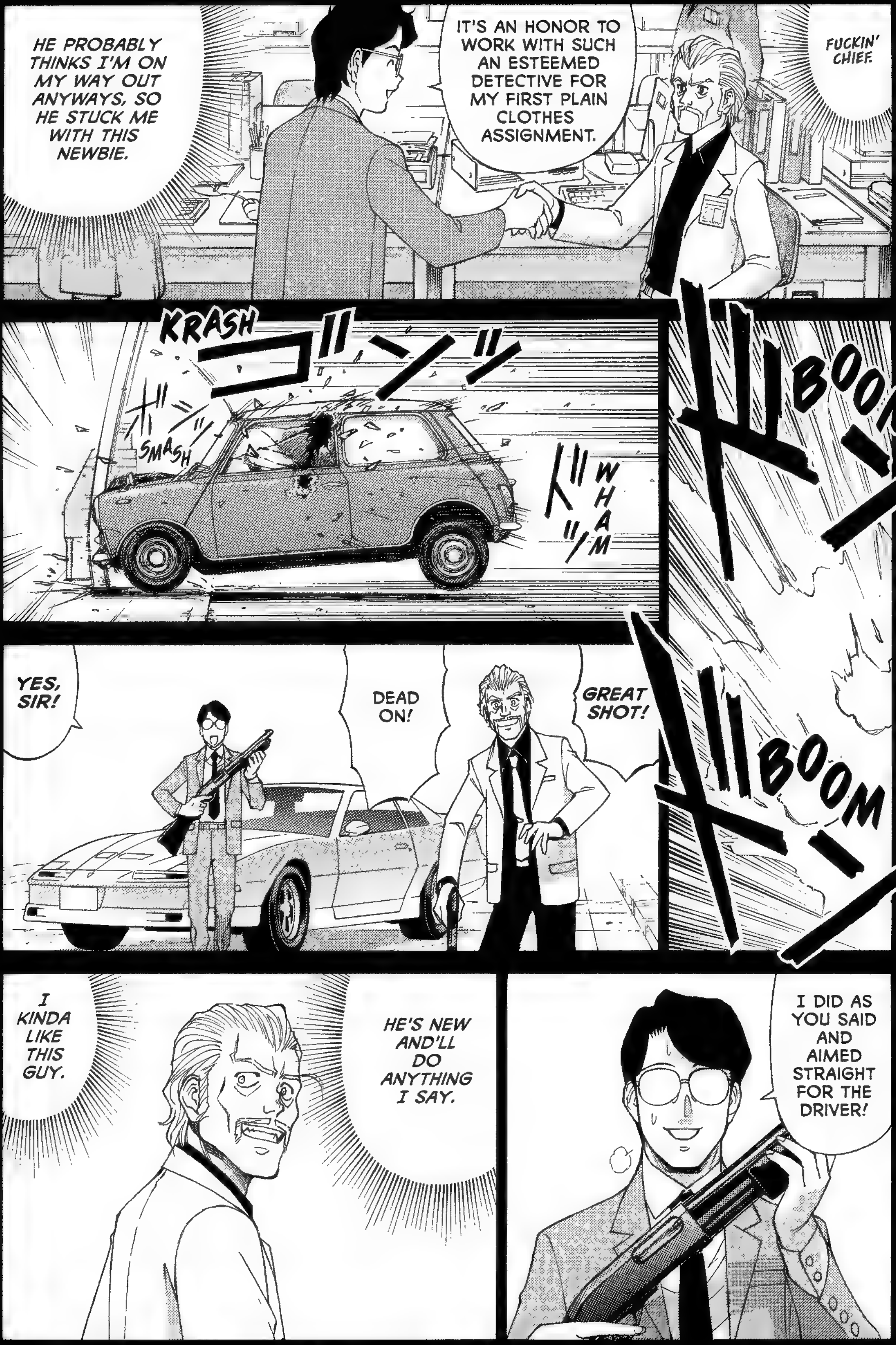

OOOF!
SORRY. LOST CONTROL.
YOU ALL--?
DO RU DO RU DO RU DO RU
SHOOOO!
JAMES!
YO!
YOU GOTTA LEARN HOW TO LOSE CONTROL WITHOUT CRASHING!
DORO DORO DORO
BAST--
RO-ROADBUSTER!
TAKE IT EASY!
LATER!
VROOM
SKREECH
DO RU RU RU
WAAAAN
YOU...
GOD DAMN IT!

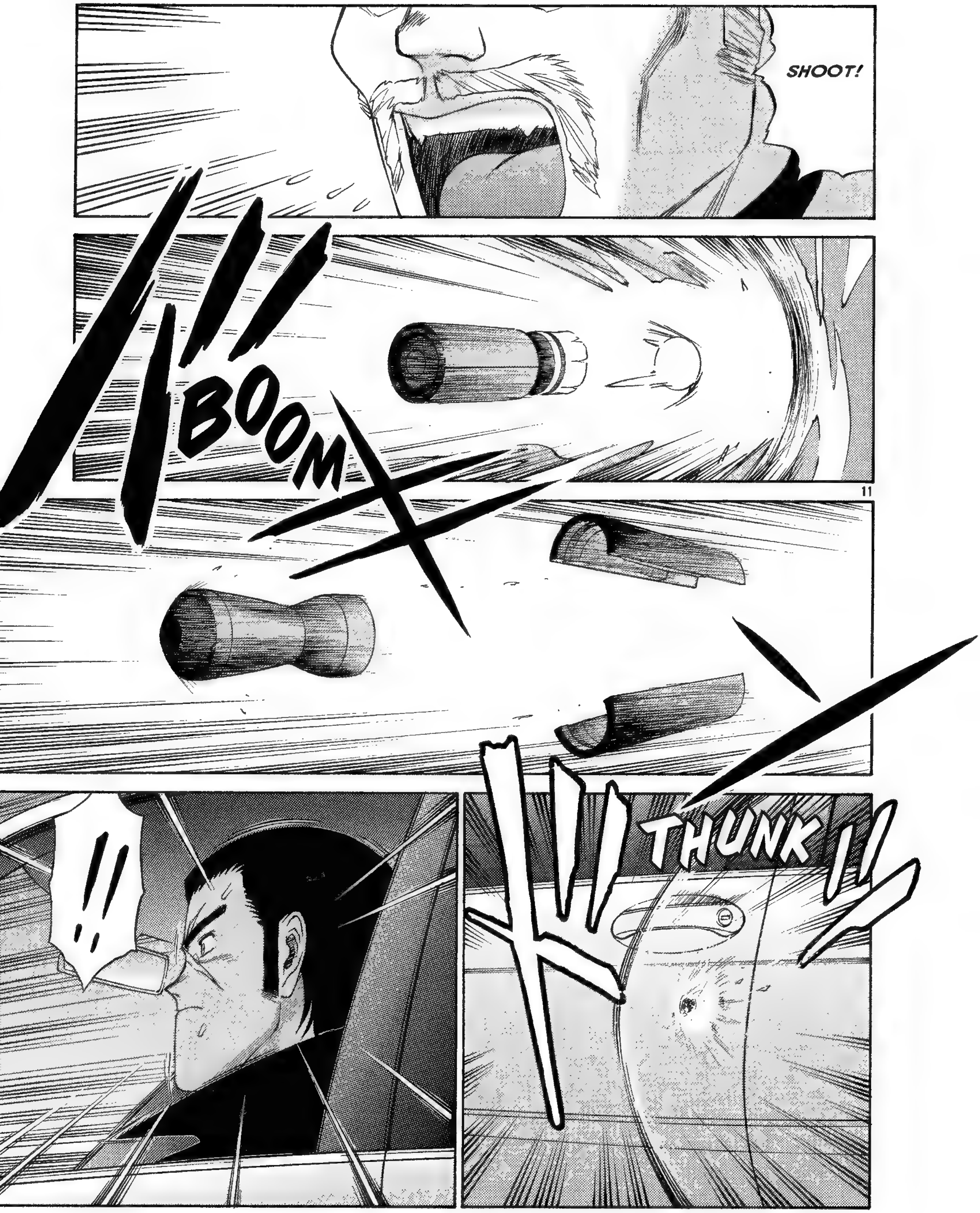

BACH-A-RACH!
CHIEF ROO
I *KNEW* IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU KILLED A PARTNER.
DIDN'T YOU LEARN ANYTHING FROM WOUNDING FOUR OTHERS?
I FEEL TERRIBLE FOR JAMES.
BUT ROAD-BUSTER STARTED THAT CHASE--
DON'T TRY TO BLAME SOME-ONE ELSE!
バン
BAM
THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU IGNORED MY DIRECT ORDER AND CHASED HIM AT HIGH SPEED FOR MILES!
YOU DIDN'T CATCH HIM AND ENDED UP SPINNING OUT!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD KEEP UP WITH HIM FOR SO LONG!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO IGNORES ORDERS SO MUCH!
JAMES'S FAMILY IS GETTING READY TO SUE YOUR ASS OFF!
RRR...
SHIT.

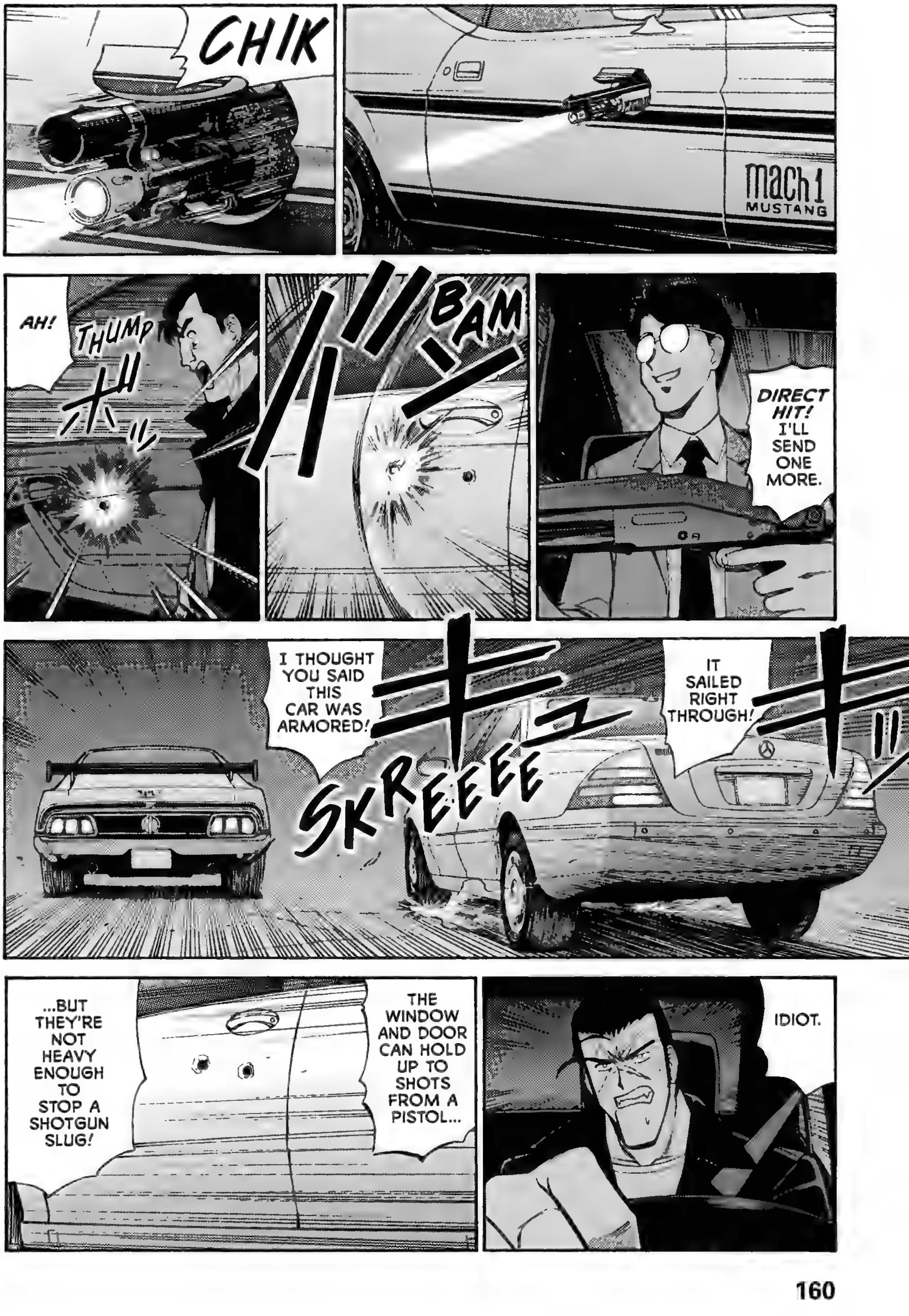

NO WAY.
I WON'T BE TREATED AS YOUR "MISTRESS" BY MEDIA DURING YOUR TRIAL.
HOW COULD YOU BE SO COLD AS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVE WHEN HE NEEDS YOU MOST?
LOVE? THAT'S A GOOD ONE.
YOU SPEND ALL NIGHT CHASING CRIMINALS. I'M LUCKY TO SEE YOU ONCE A WEEK.
BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS FULL WITH THE ALIMONY FOR YOUR EX. I'VE SEEN THE COLLECTION NOTICES.
HOLD ON, NOW.
SOMEONE ELSE PROPOSED TO ME. SOMEONE RESPECTABLE.
I GUESS THAT'S IT THEN.

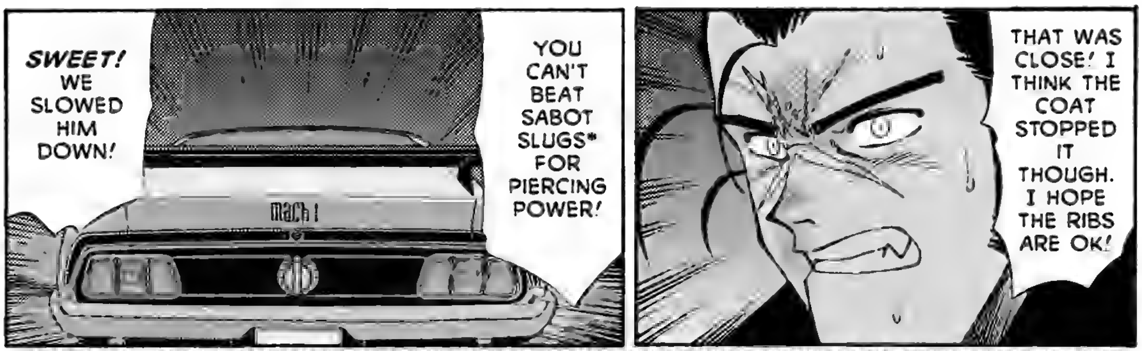

DETECTIVE PERCY BACHARACH!
YOU'VE REACHED A SETTLEMENT WITH THE FAMILY OF YOUR DEAD PARTNER.
DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATIONS?
VBC
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
I TREATED THE FAMILY WITH RESPECT, AND I THINK THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT.
ANYTHING MORE THAN THAT, ASK MY LAWYER.
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO JAMES?
GCHAK
I'LL WORK HARD IN YOUR PLACE!
THAT'S IT!
SLAM
VROOM


THAT WAS A LOT LESS ATTITUDE THAN USUAL.
GOOD.
THAT COST A LOT OF MONEY.
ON TOP OF YOUR FEES. I'VE GOT NOTHING LEFT.
I TOLD YOU IT WAS BETTER TO PAY UP IN A SETTLEMENT THAN LOSE A TRIAL.
IF YOU LOST, IT COULD'VE BEEN EVEN WORSE FOR YOU.
I'M GRATEFUL YOU GOT ME OFF THE HOOK, BOTH IN CRIMINAL ***AND*** CIVIL COURT.
BUT CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE FOR PAYMENT?
NO WORRIES. YOU CAN ALWAYS...
...PAY SOME OF IT OFF IN INFORMATION.
I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO YOU.
I'M DICK RYAN.
I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING A LOT FROM YOU.

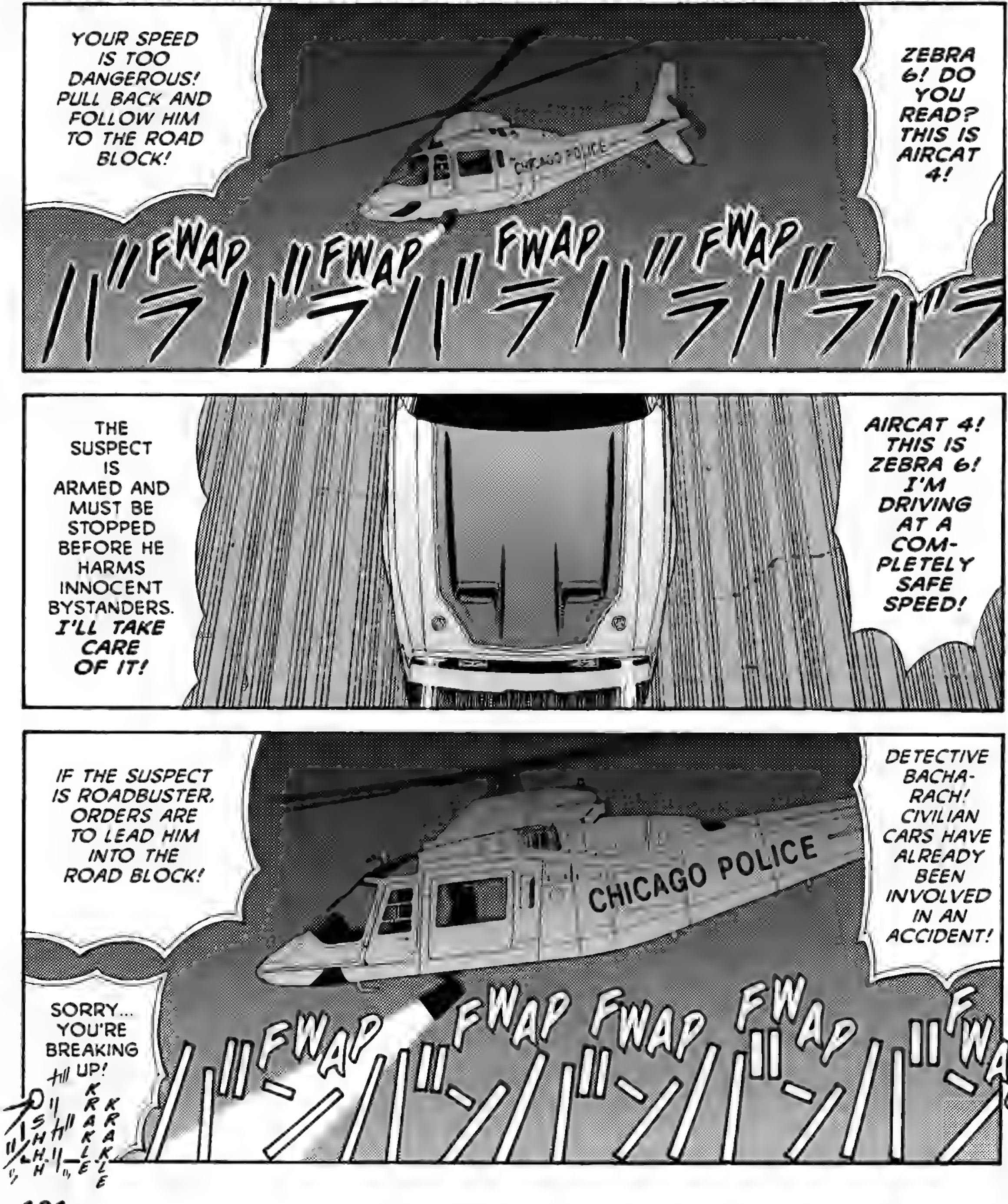

FUCKIN' CHIEF.
IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK WITH SUCH AN ESTEEMED DETECTIVE FOR MY FIRST PLAIN CLOTHES ASSIGNMENT.
HE PROBABLY THINKS I'M ON MY WAY OUT ANYWAYS, SO HE STUCK ME WITH THIS NEWBIE.
BOOM
BOOM
WHAM
KRASH
SMASH
GREAT SHOT!
DEAD ON!
YES, SIR!
I DID AS YOU SAID AND AIMED STRAIGHT FOR THE DRIVER!
HE'S NEW AND'LL DO ANYTHING I SAY.
I KINDA LIKE THIS GUY.

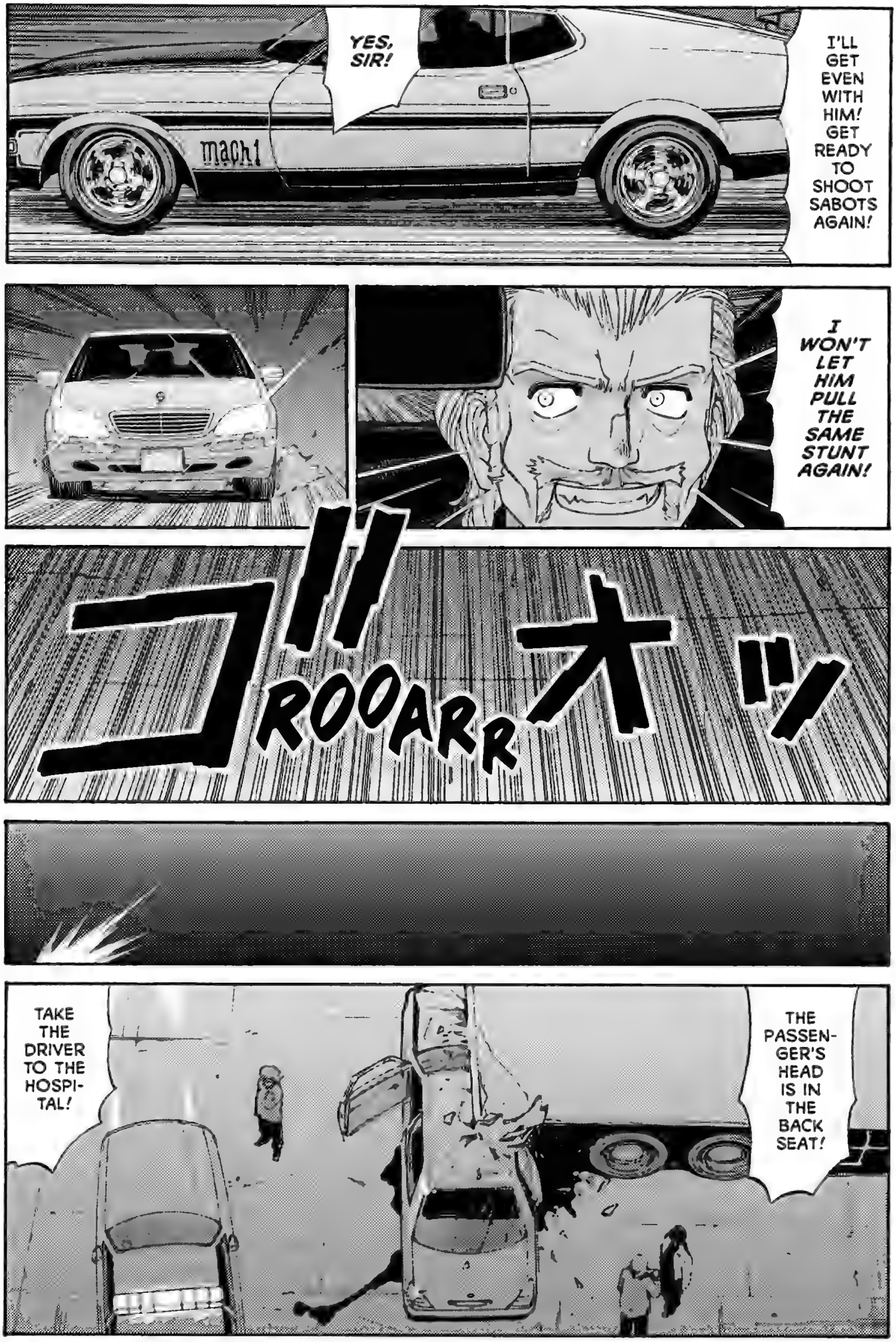

SHOOT!
BOOM
THUNK!!
!!

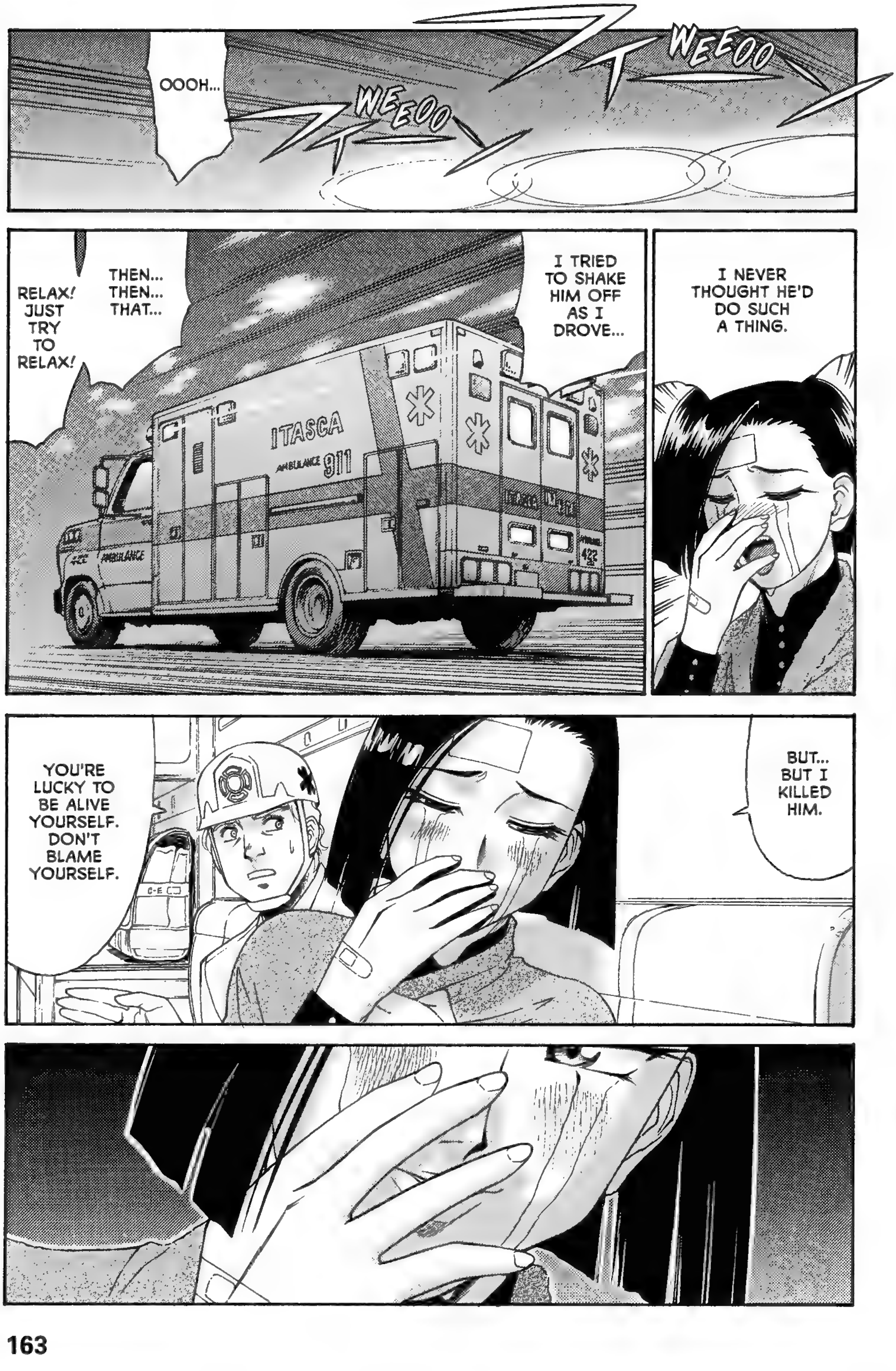

mach 1 MUSTANG
CHIK
DIRECT HIT! I'LL SEND ONE MORE.
BAM
AH!
THUMP
IT SAILED RIGHT THROUGH!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS CAR WAS ARMORED!
SKREEEE
IDIOT.
THE WINDOW AND DOOR CAN HOLD UP TO SHOTS FROM A PISTOL...
...BUT THEY'RE NOT HEAVY ENOUGH TO STOP A SHOTGUN SLUG!

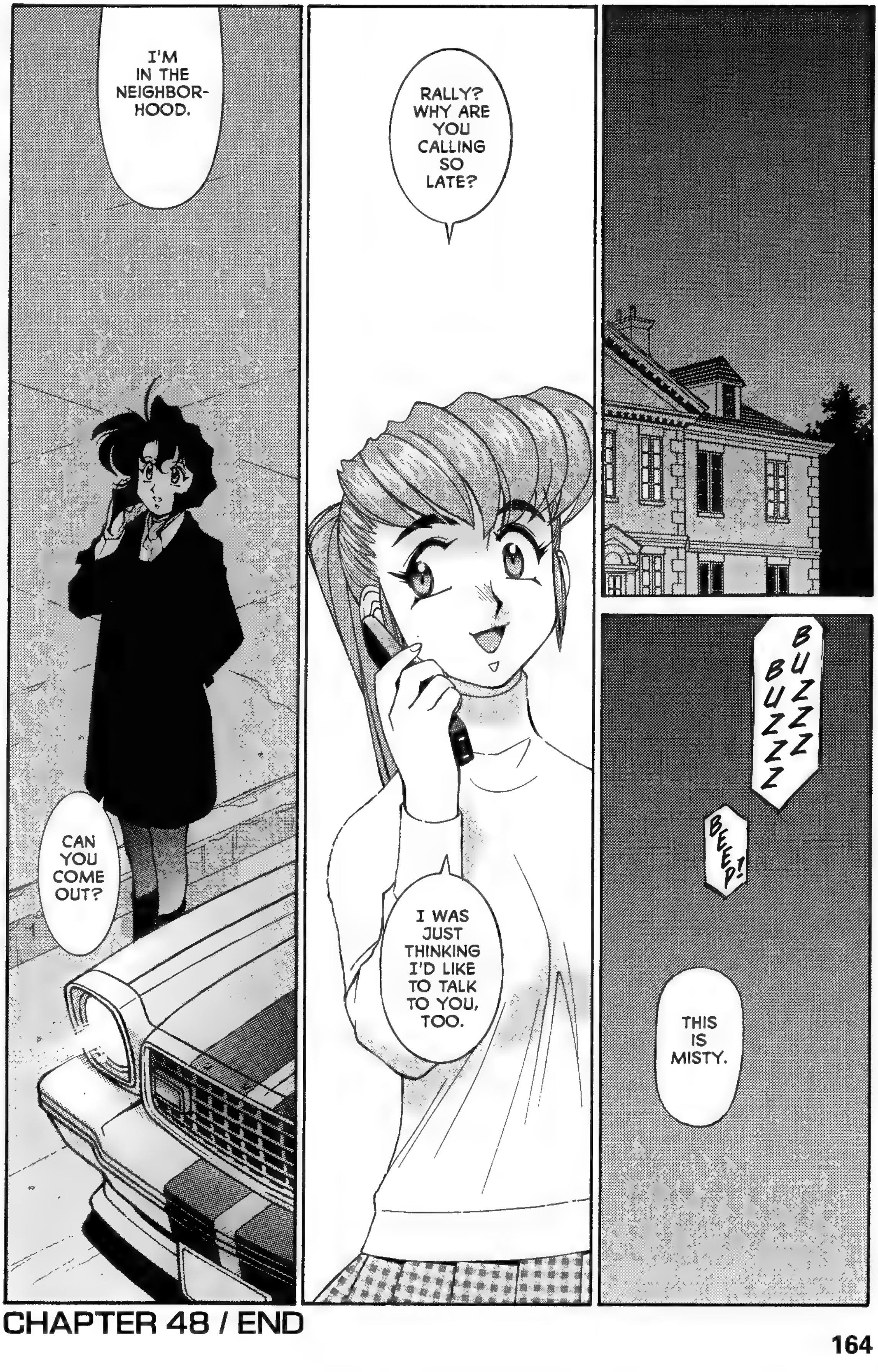

THAT WAS CLOSE! I THINK THE COAT STOPPED IT THOUGH. I HOPE THE RIBS ARE OK!
YOU CAN'T BEAT SABOT SLUGS* FOR PIERCING POWER!
SWEET! WE SLOWED HIM DOWN!
mach 1

*SABOT SLUG: A SPECIAL SHOTGUN SHELL DESIGNED FOR POLICE AND ARMED FORCES KNOWN FOR ITS STRONG PIERCING ABILITY.


ZEBRA 6! DO YOU READ? THIS IS AIRCAT 4!
YOUR SPEED IS TOO DANGEROUS! PULL BACK AND FOLLOW HIM TO THE ROAD BLOCK!
CHICAGO POLICE
FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP
AIRCAT 4! THIS IS ZEBRA 6! I'M DRIVING AT A COMPLETELY SAFE SPEED!
THE SUSPECT IS ARMED AND MUST BE STOPPED BEFORE HE HARMS INNOCENT BYSTANDERS. I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
DETECTIVE BACHARACH! CIVILIAN CARS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT!
IF THE SUSPECT IS ROADBUSTER, ORDERS ARE TO LEAD HIM INTO THE ROAD BLOCK!
CHICAGO POLICE
FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP
SORRY... YOU'RE BREAKING UP!
SHHH
KRAKLE KRAKLE


I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM! GET READY TO SHOOT SABOTS AGAIN!
YES, SIR!
mach1
I WON'T LET HIM PULL THE SAME STUNT AGAIN!
ゴオッ
ROOARR
THE PASSENGER'S HEAD IS IN THE BACK SEAT!
TAKE THE DRIVER TO THE HOSPITAL!


OOOH...
WEEOO
WEEOO
I TRIED TO SHAKE HIM OFF AS I DROVE...
THEN... THEN... THAT...
RELAX! JUST TRY TO RELAX!
ITASCA
AMBULANCE 911
I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D DO SUCH A THING.
BUT... BUT I KILLED HIM.
YOU'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE YOURSELF. DON'T BLAME YOURSELF.


BUZZZ BUZZZ
BEEP!
THIS IS MISTY.
RALLY? WHY ARE YOU CALLING SO LATE?
I WAS JUST THINKING I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU, TOO.
I'M IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
CAN YOU COME OUT?

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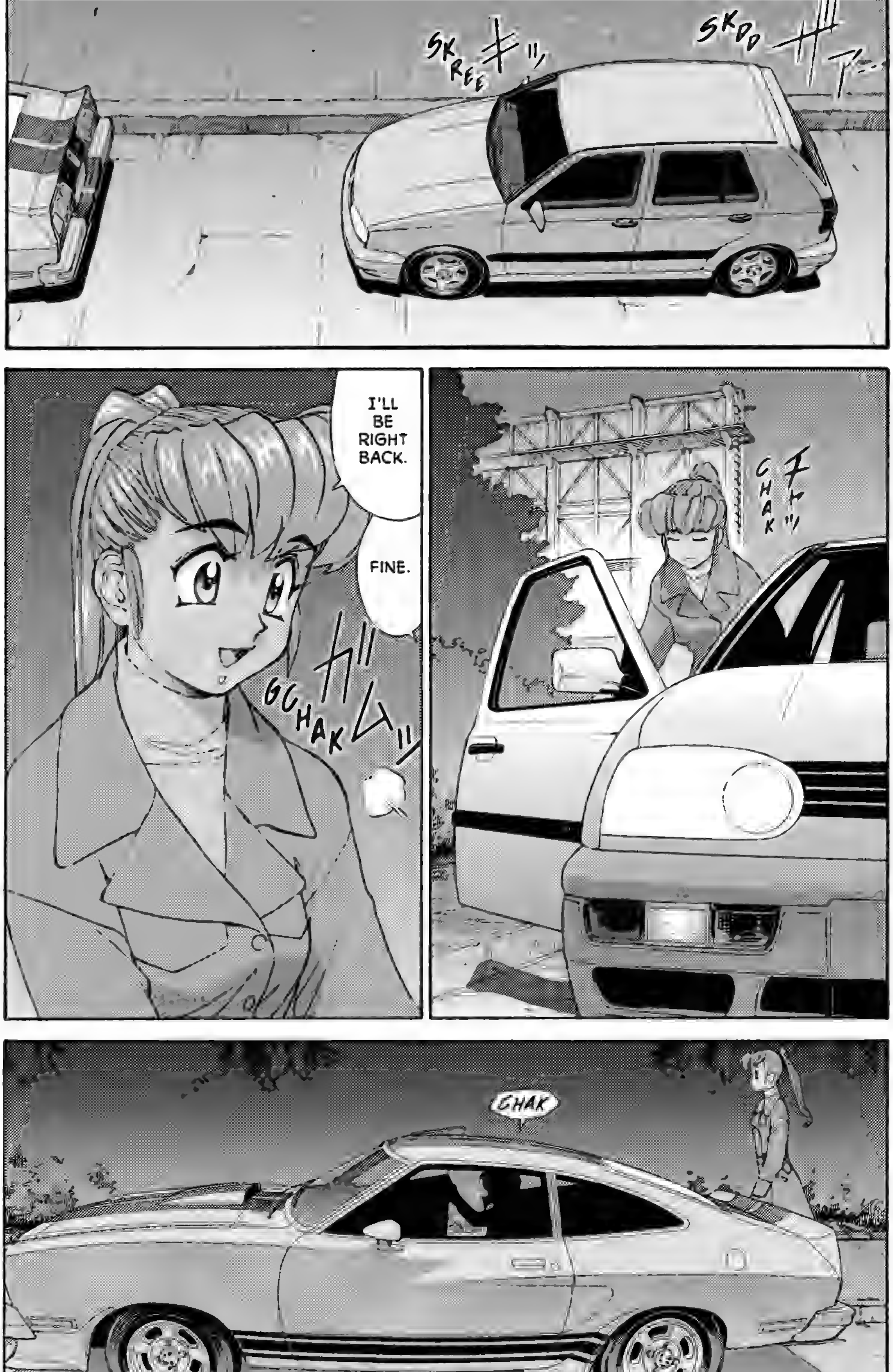
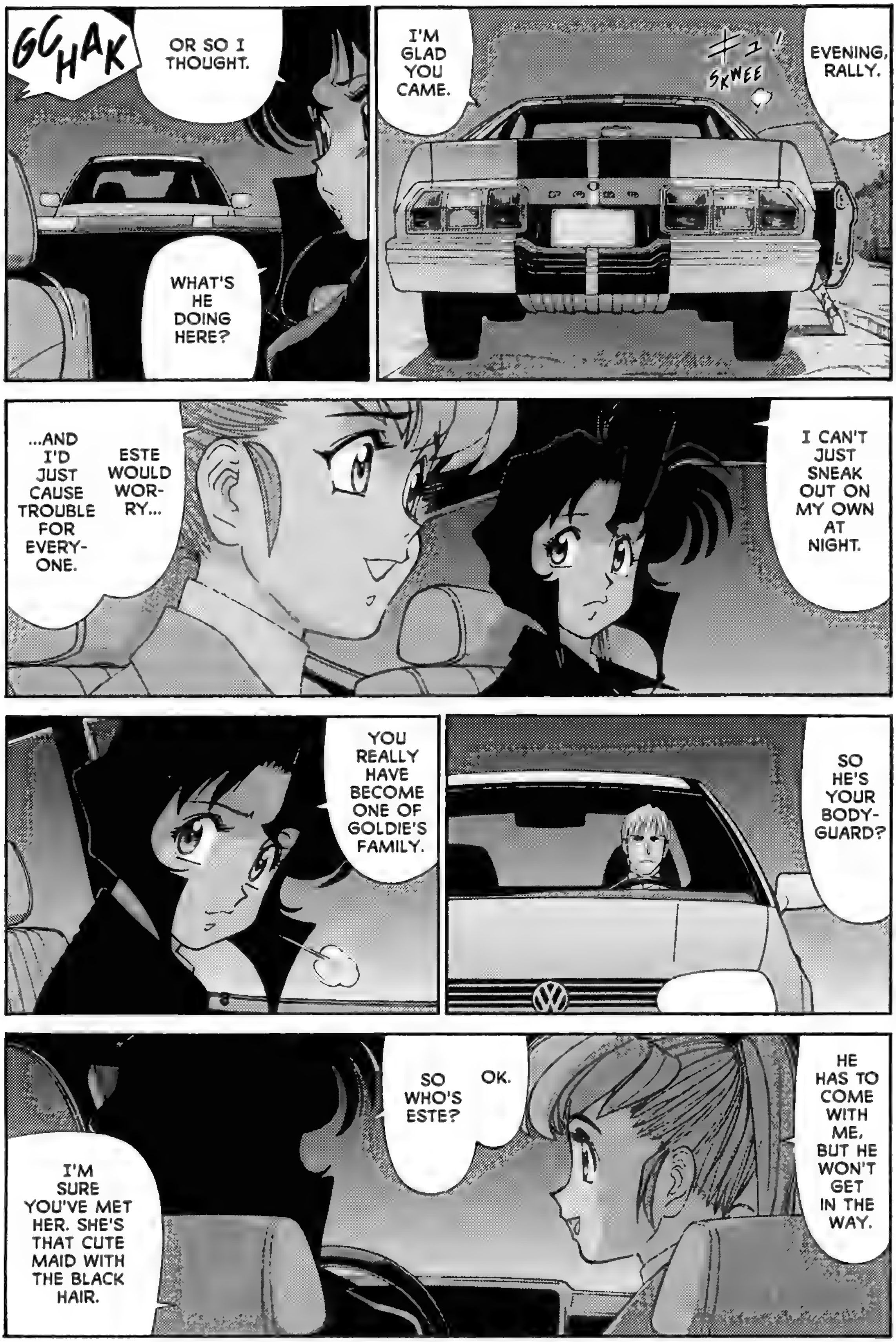
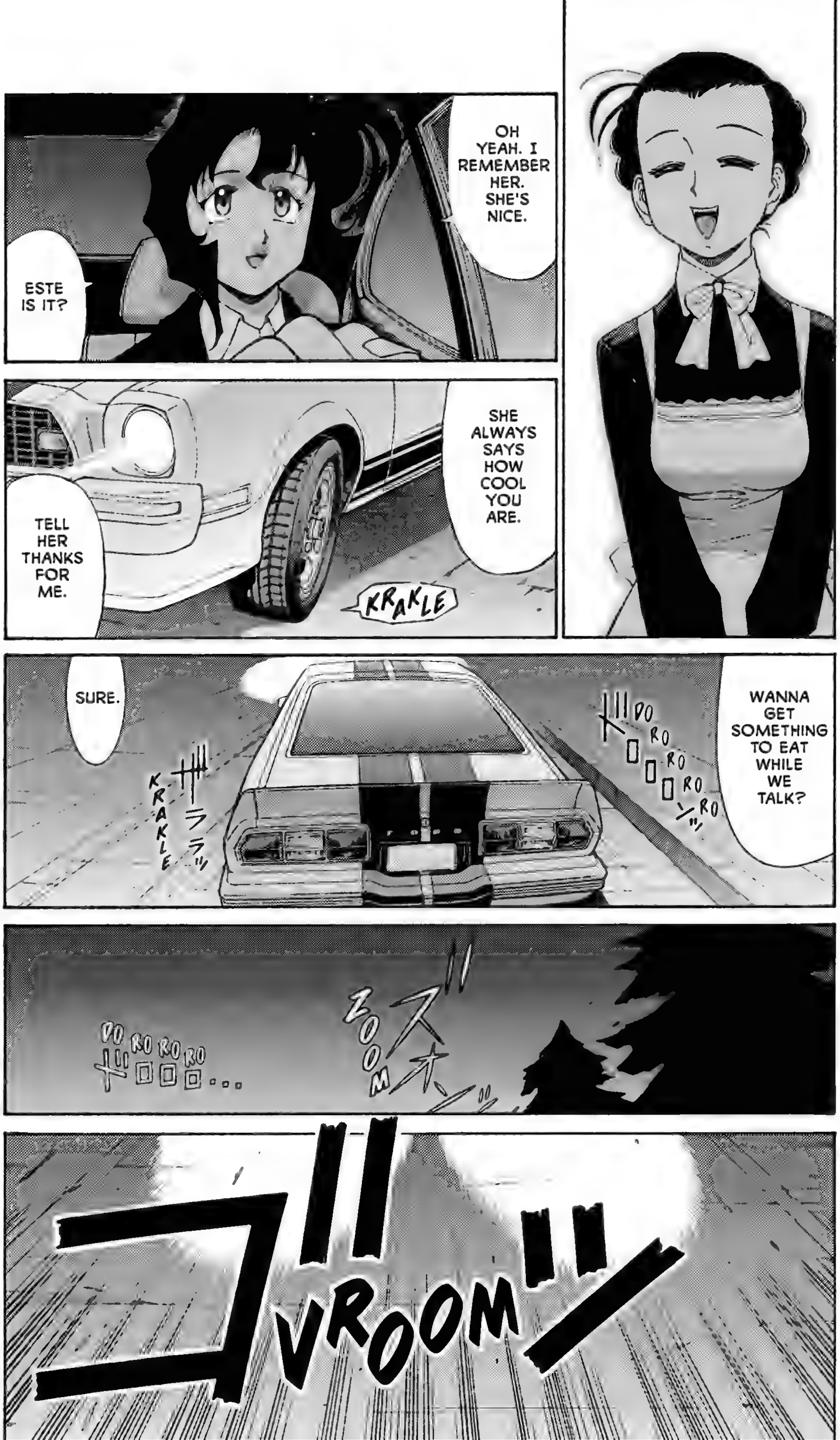
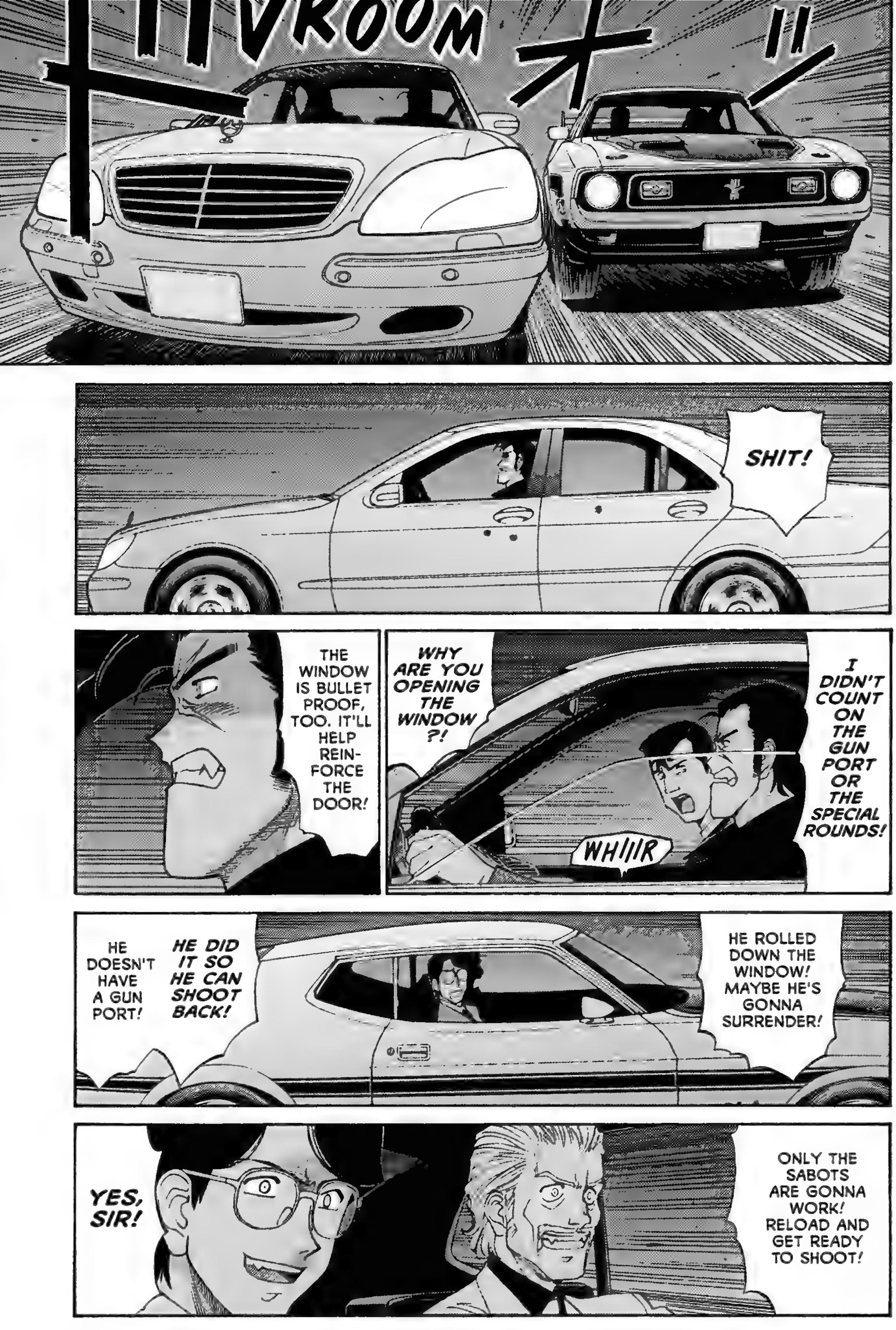
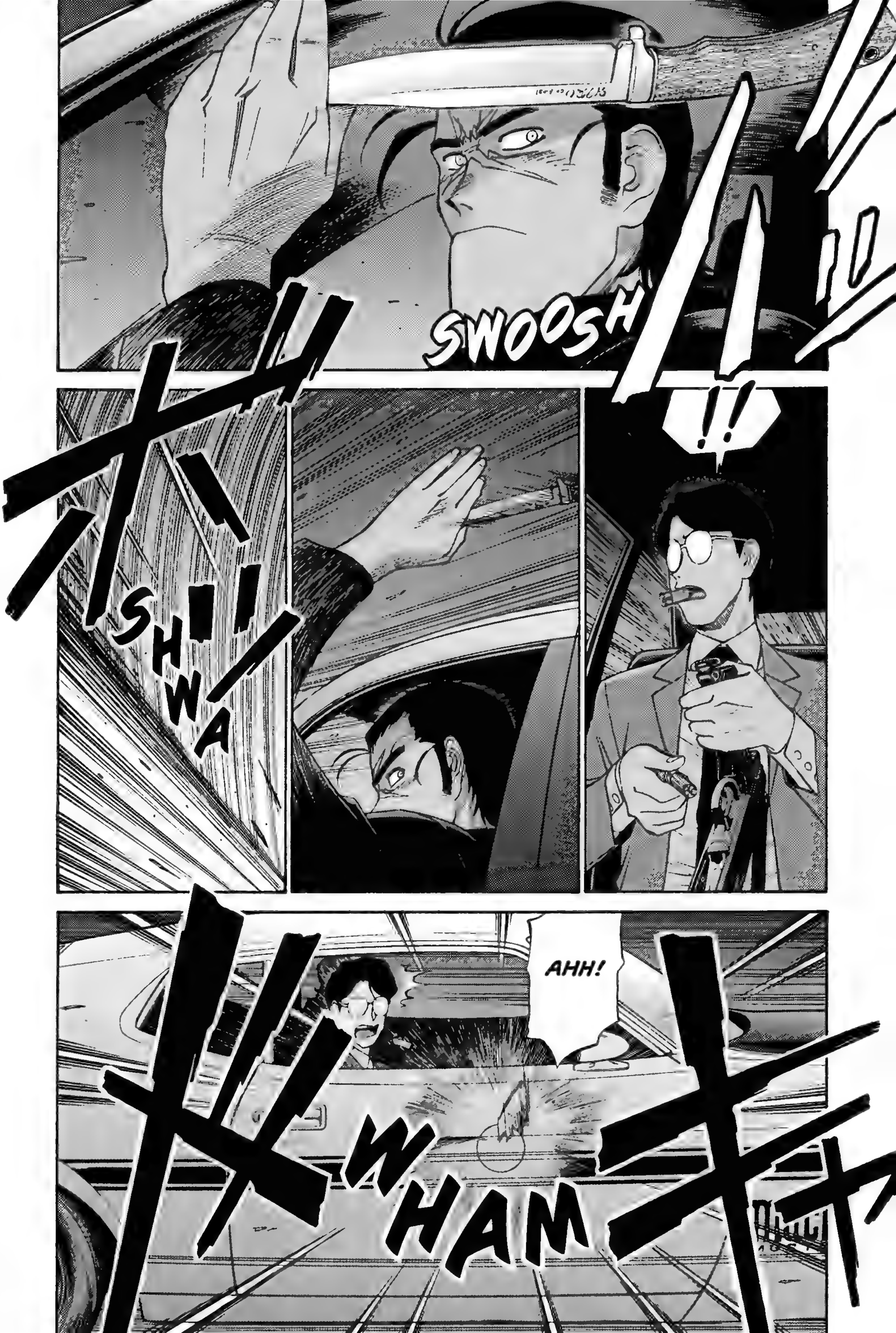
CHAPTER 49
MISTY'S DETERMINATION

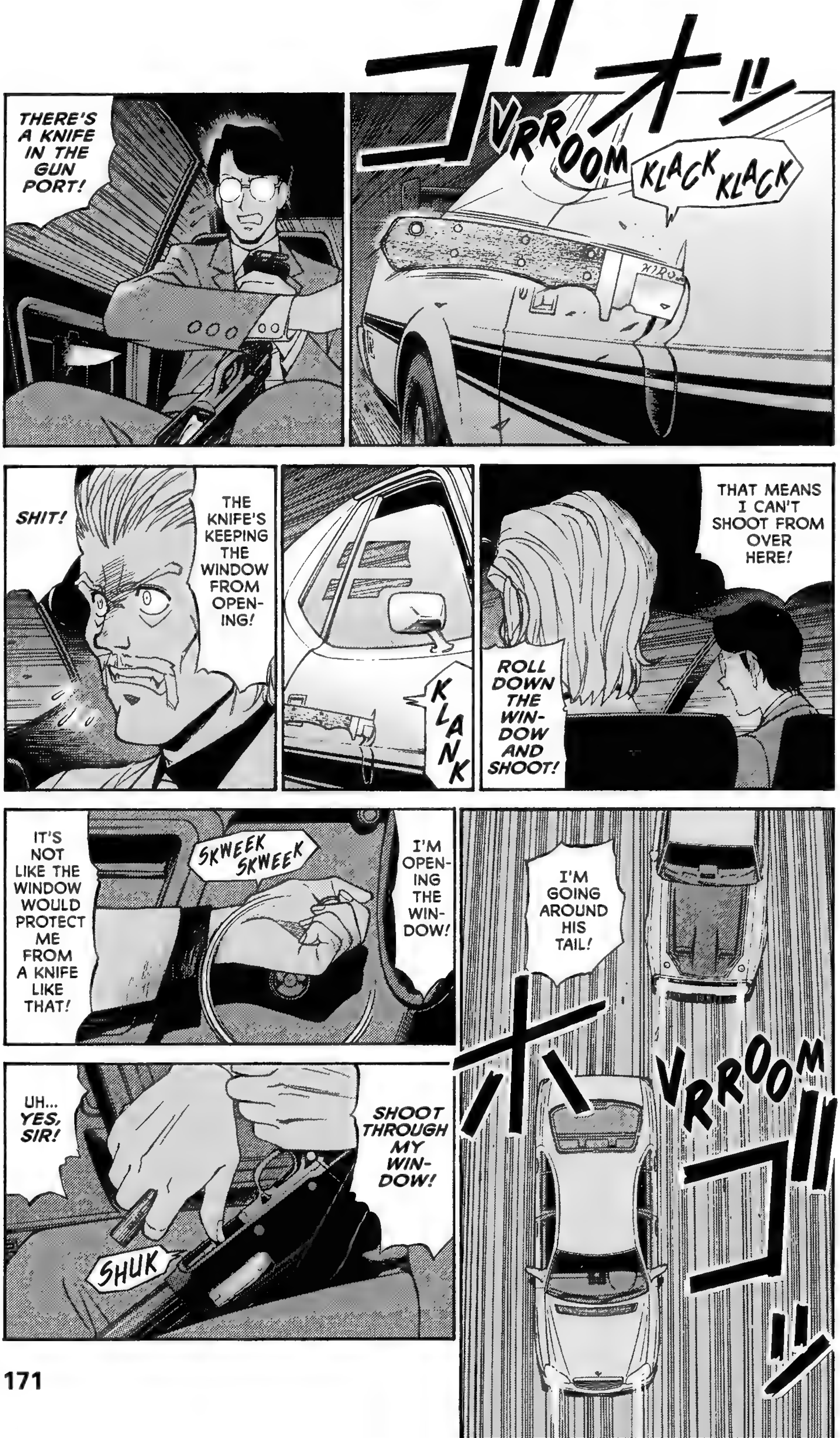

SKREE キッ
SKDO ザァ…
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
FINE.
GCHAK ガム
CHAK チャッ
CHAK

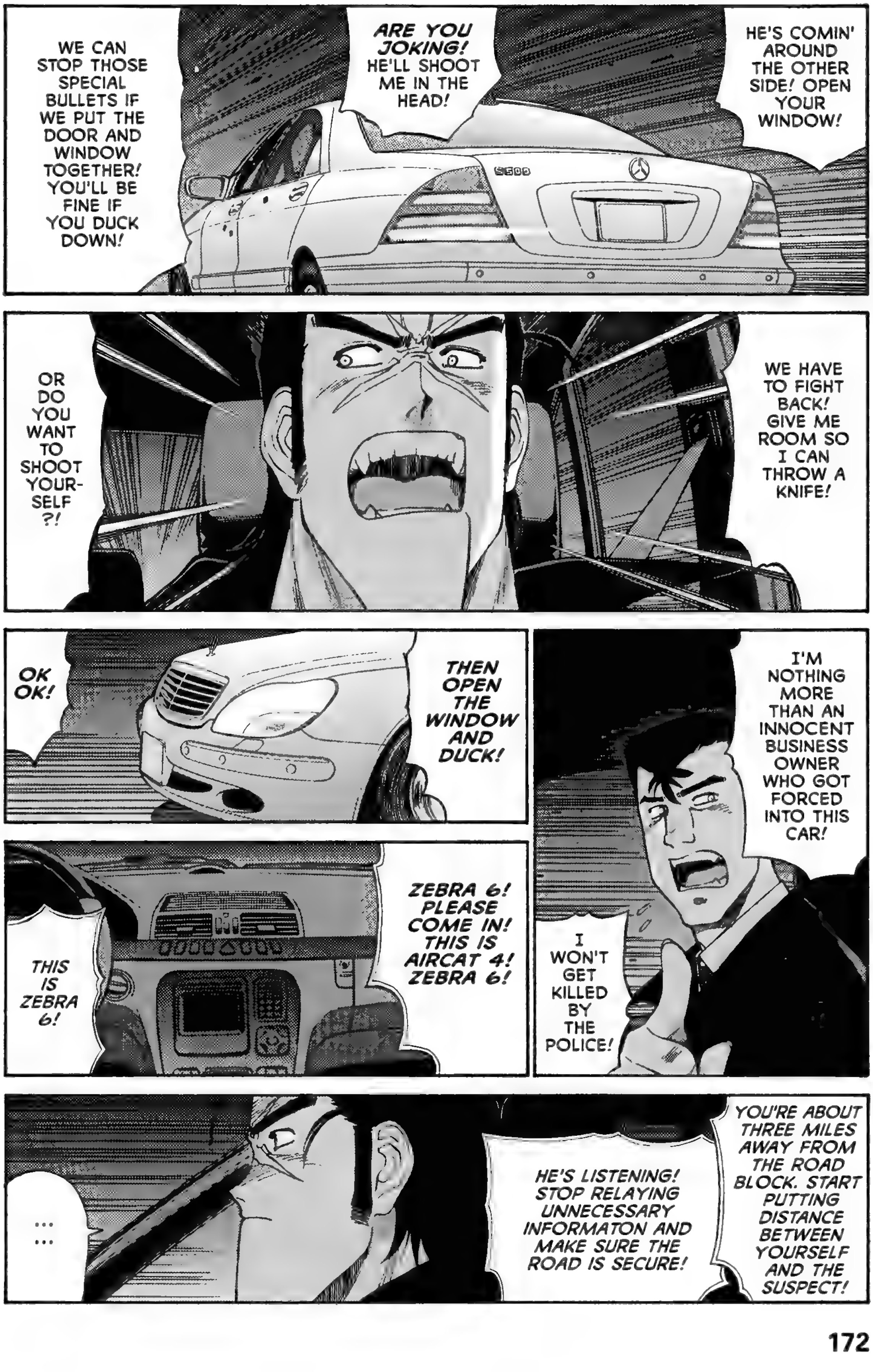

EVENING, RALLY.
キュ! SKWEE
I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
OR SO I THOUGHT.
GCHAK
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
I CAN'T JUST SNEAK OUT ON MY OWN AT NIGHT.
ESTE WOULD WORRY...
...AND I'D JUST CAUSE TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE.
SO HE'S YOUR BODYGUARD?
YOU REALLY HAVE BECOME ONE OF GOLDIE'S FAMILY.
HE HAS TO COME WITH ME, BUT HE WON'T GET IN THE WAY.
OK.
SO WHO'S ESTE?
I'M SURE YOU'VE MET HER. SHE'S THAT CUTE MAID WITH THE BLACK HAIR.


OH YEAH. I REMEMBER HER. SHE'S NICE.
ESTE IS IT?
SHE ALWAYS SAYS HOW COOL YOU ARE.
TELL HER THANKS FOR ME.
KRAKLE
WANNA GET SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WE TALK?
DO RO RO RO RO
KRAKLE
SURE.
ZOOM
DO RO RO RO...
VROOM


VROOM
SHIT!
I DIDN'T COUNT ON THE GUN PORT OR THE SPECIAL ROUNDS!
WHY ARE YOU OPENING THE WINDOW?!
WHIIIR
THE WINDOW IS BULLET PROOF, TOO. IT'LL HELP REINFORCE THE DOOR!
HE ROLLED DOWN THE WINDOW! MAYBE HE'S GONNA SURRENDER!
HE DID IT SO HE CAN SHOOT BACK!
HE DOESN'T HAVE A GUN PORT!
ONLY THE SABOTS ARE GONNA WORK! RELOAD AND GET READY TO SHOOT!
YES, SIR!


SWOOSH
!!
SHWA
AHH!
WHAM


THERE'S A KNIFE IN THE GUN PORT!
ゴオッ
VRROOM
KLACK KLACK
SHIT!
THE KNIFE'S KEEPING THE WINDOW FROM OPENING!
KLANK
THAT MEANS I CAN'T SHOOT FROM OVER HERE!
ROLL DOWN THE WINDOW AND SHOOT!
IT'S NOT LIKE THE WINDOW WOULD PROTECT ME FROM A KNIFE LIKE THAT!
SKWEEK SKWEEK
I'M OPENING THE WINDOW!
UH... YES, SIR!
SHOOT THROUGH MY WINDOW!
SHUK
I'M GOING AROUND HIS TAIL!
ボ
VRROOM
ゴッ


HE'S COMIN' AROUND THE OTHER SIDE! OPEN YOUR WINDOW!
ARE YOU JOKING! HE'LL SHOOT ME IN THE HEAD!
WE CAN STOP THOSE SPECIAL BULLETS IF WE PUT THE DOOR AND WINDOW TOGETHER! YOU'LL BE FINE IF YOU DUCK DOWN!
S500
WE HAVE TO FIGHT BACK! GIVE ME ROOM SO I CAN THROW A KNIFE!
OR DO YOU WANT TO SHOOT YOURSELF?!
I'M NOTHING MORE THAN AN INNOCENT BUSINESS OWNER WHO GOT FORCED INTO THIS CAR!
I WON'T GET KILLED BY THE POLICE!
THEN OPEN THE WINDOW AND DUCK!
OK OK!
ZEBRA 6! PLEASE COME IN! THIS IS AIRCAT 4! ZEBRA 6!
THIS IS ZEBRA 6!
YOU'RE ABOUT THREE MILES AWAY FROM THE ROAD BLOCK. START PUTTING DISTANCE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE SUSPECT!
HE'S LISTENING! STOP RELAYING UNNECESSARY INFORMATON AND MAKE SURE THE ROAD IS SECURE!
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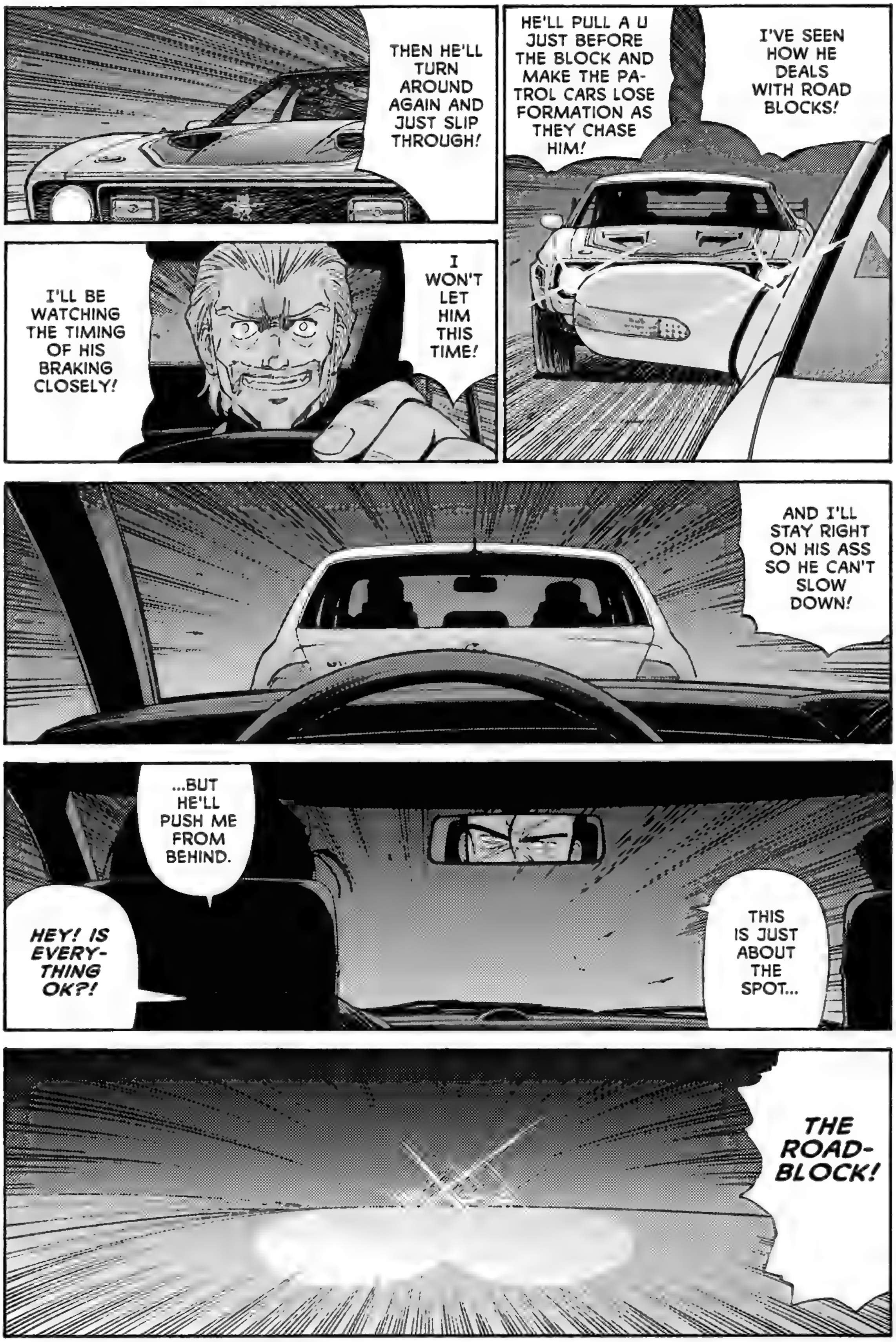
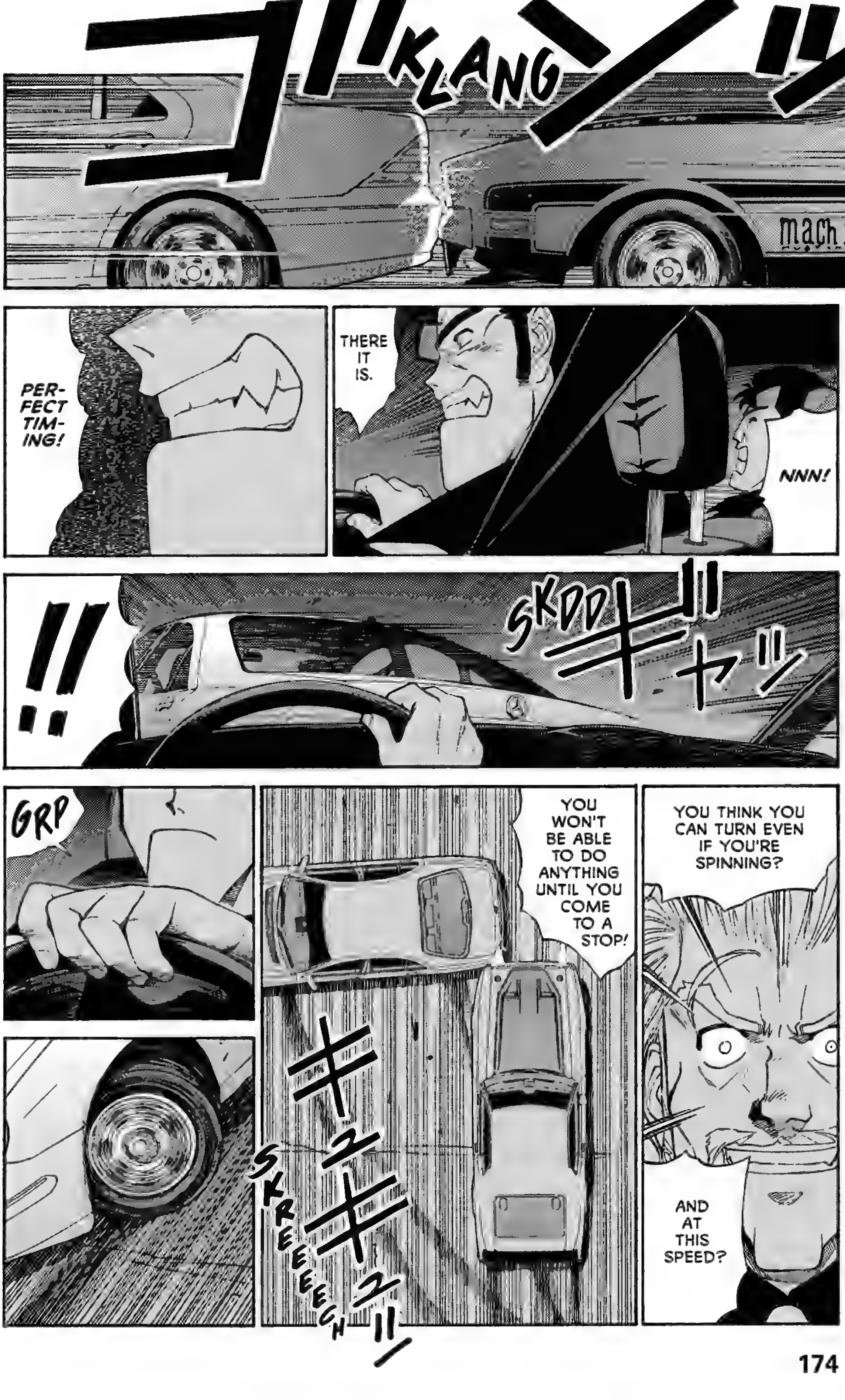
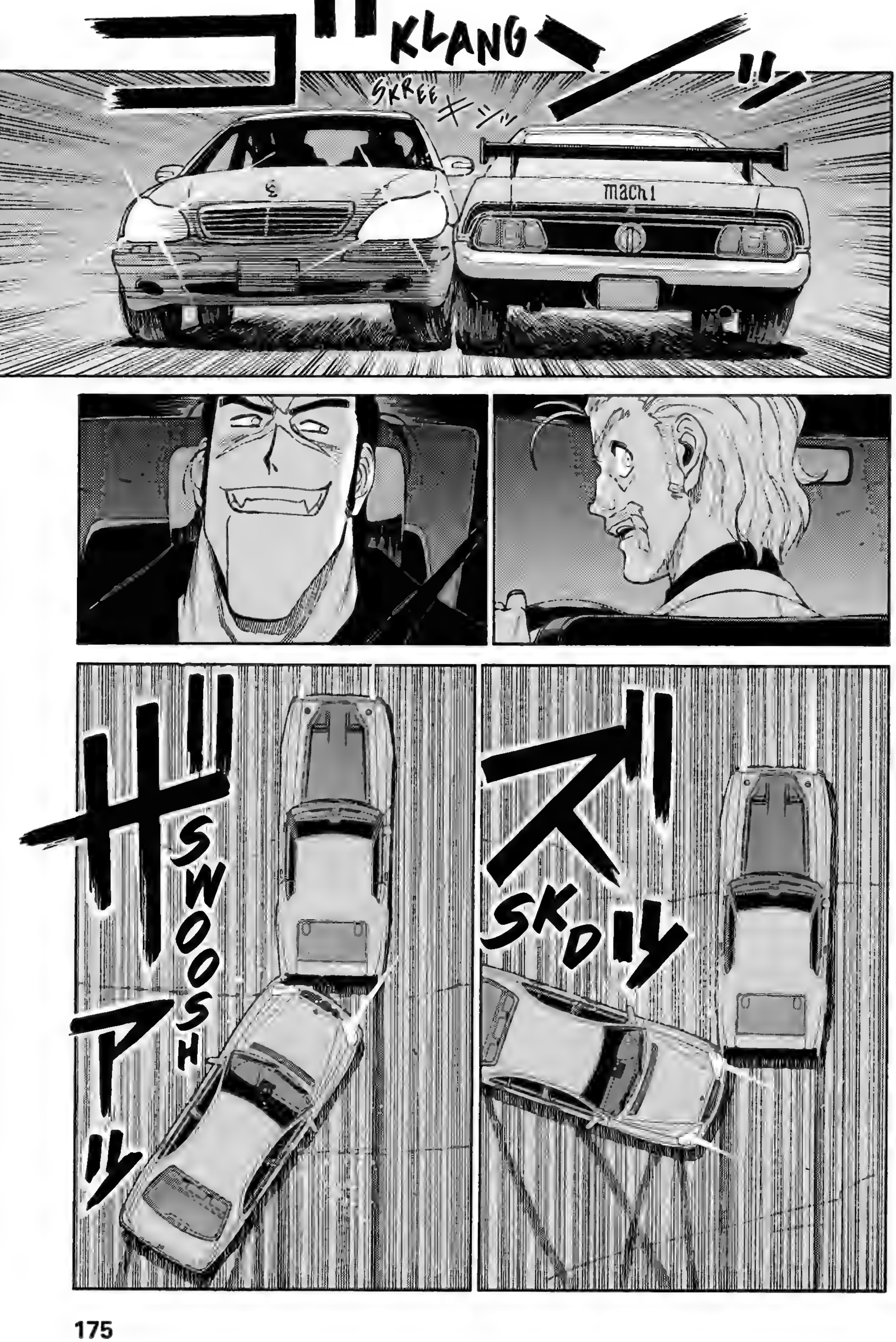

I'VE SEEN HOW HE DEALS WITH ROAD BLOCKS!
HE'LL PULL A U JUST BEFORE THE BLOCK AND MAKE THE PATROL CARS LOSE FORMATION AS THEY CHASE HIM!
THEN HE'LL TURN AROUND AGAIN AND JUST SLIP THROUGH!
I WON'T LET HIM THIS TIME!
I'LL BE WATCHING THE TIMING OF HIS BRAKING CLOSELY!
AND I'LL STAY RIGHT ON HIS ASS SO HE CAN'T SLOW DOWN!
THIS IS JUST ABOUT THE SPOT...
...BUT HE'LL PUSH ME FROM BEHIND.
HEY! IS EVERYTHING OK?!
THE ROADBLOCK!


ゴンッ
KLANG
mach I
THERE IT IS.
NNN!
PERFECT TIMING!
ギャッ
SKDD
!!
YOU THINK YOU CAN TURN EVEN IF YOU'RE SPINNING?
AND AT THIS SPEED?
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU COME TO A STOP!
SKREEEECH
GRP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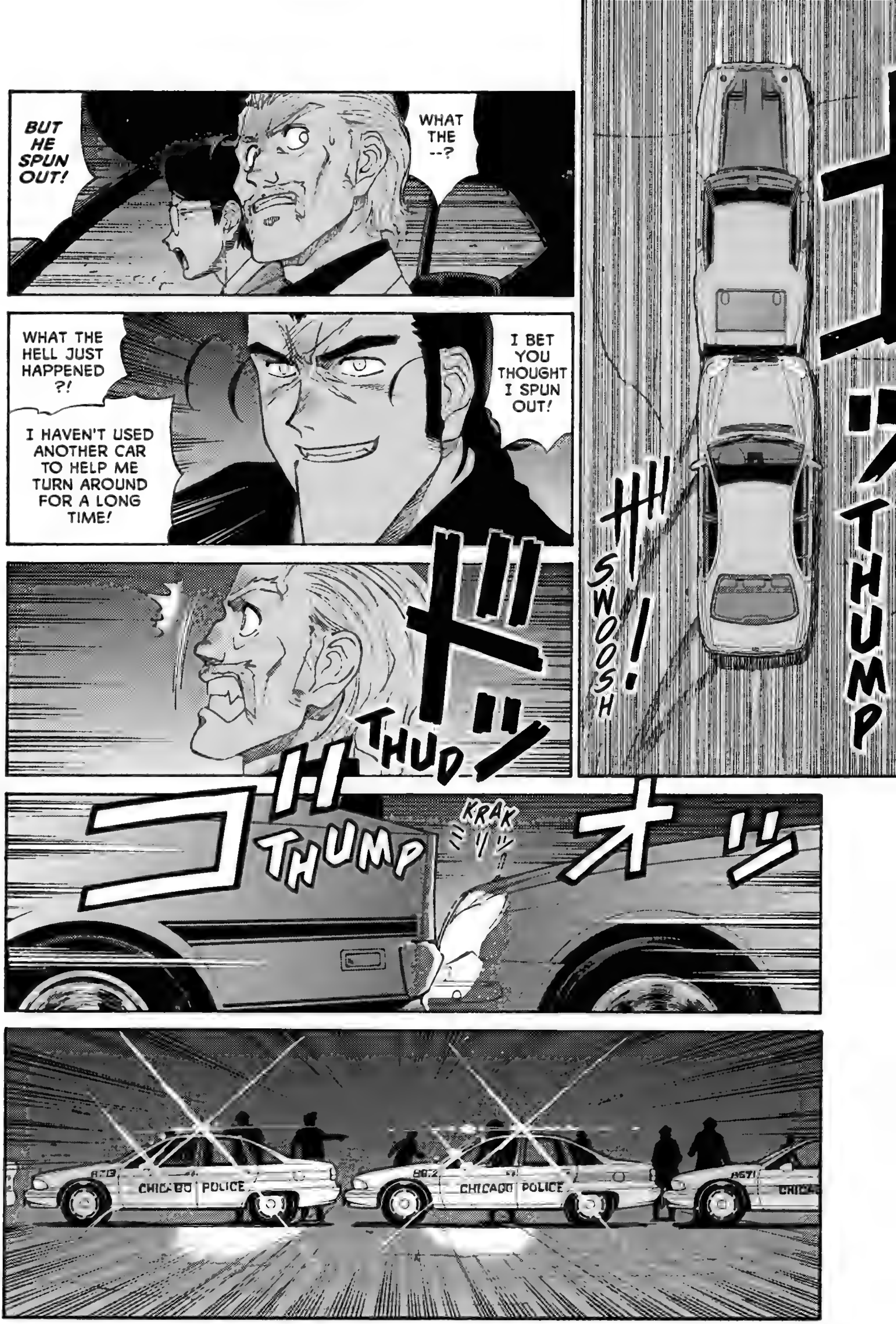
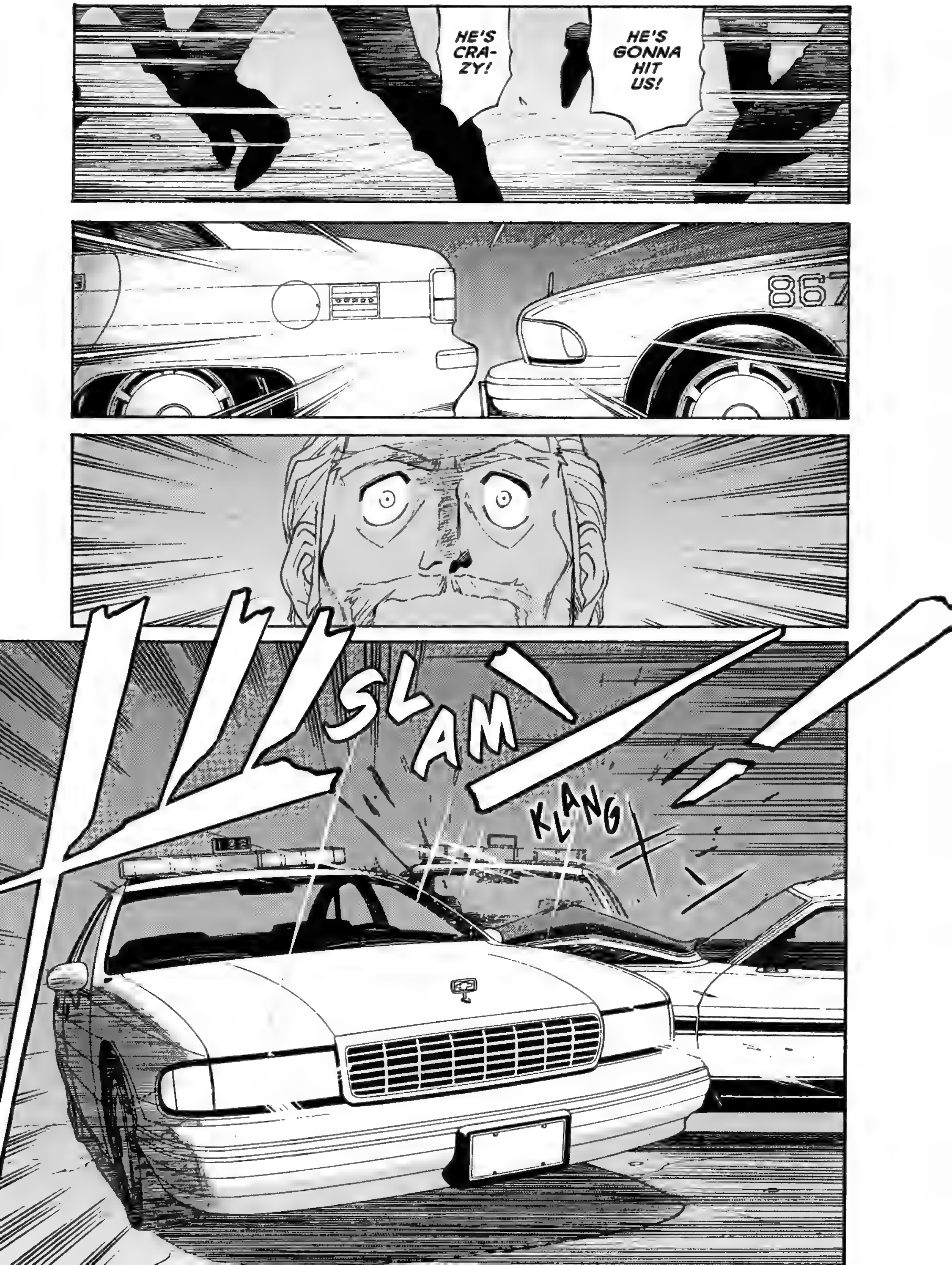
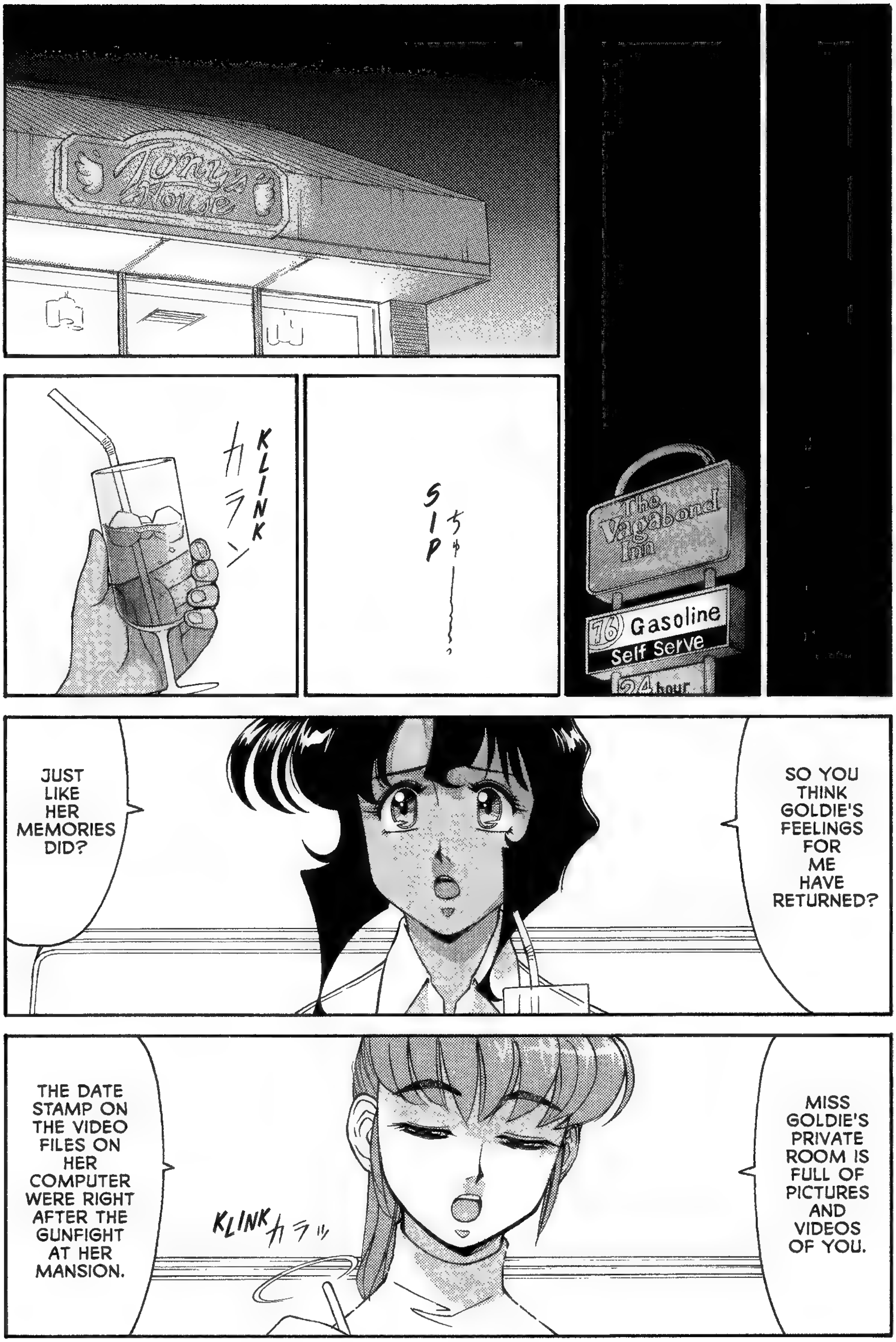
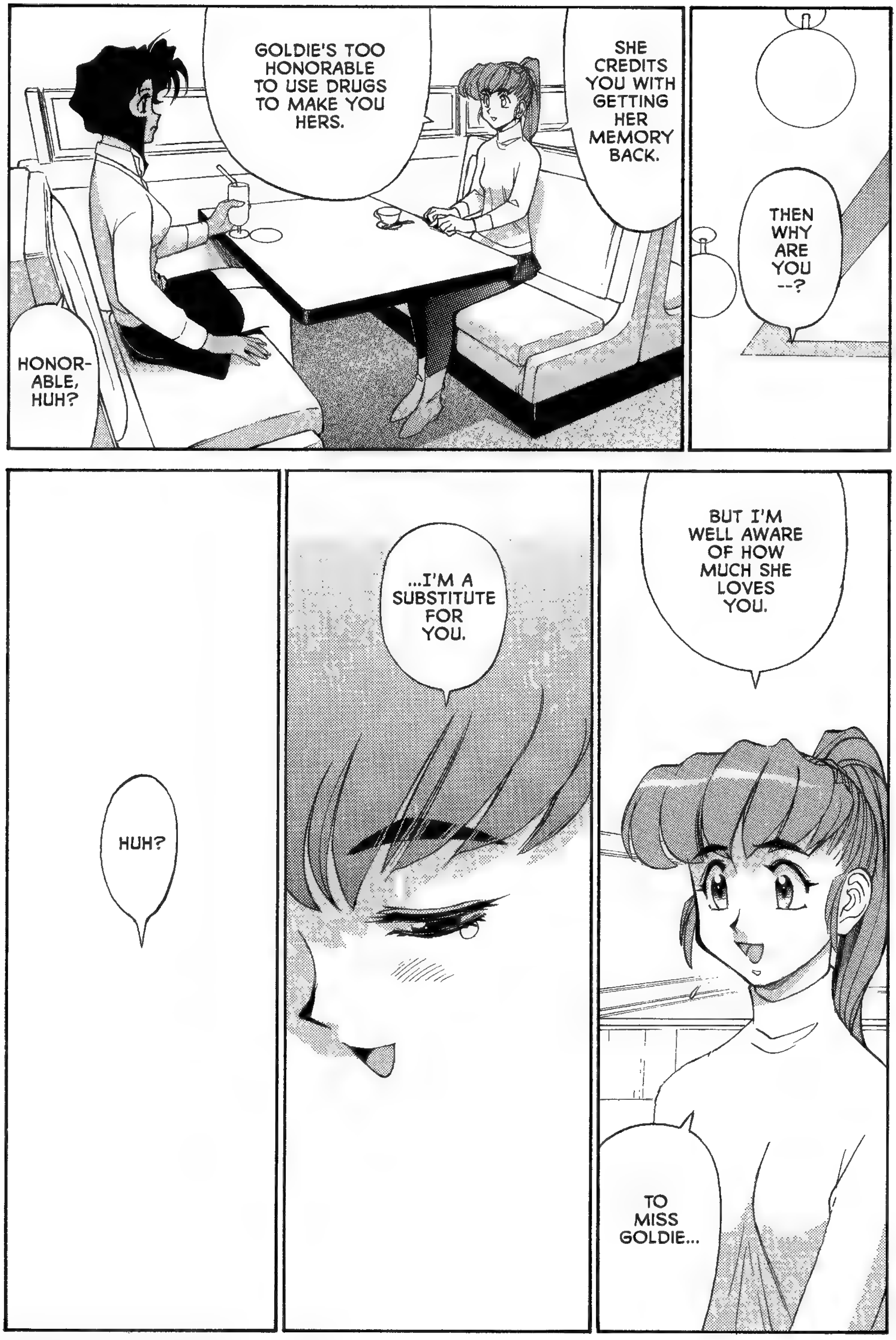
SKDIY
ザーッ
SWOOSH


THUMP
SWOOSH!
WHAT THE --?
BUT HE SPUN OUT!
I BET YOU THOUGHT I SPUN OUT!
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED ?!
I HAVEN'T USED ANOTHER CAR TO HELP ME TURN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME!
THUD
THUMP
KRAK
CHICAGO POLICE
CHICAGO POLICE


HE'S CRA-ZY!
HE'S GONNA HIT US!
867
SLAM
KLANG


The Vagabond Inn
76 Gasoline
Self Serve
24 hour
Tony's House
SIP ちゅ～～っ
KLINK カラン
SO YOU THINK GOLDIE'S FEELINGS FOR ME HAVE RETURNED?
JUST LIKE HER MEMORIES DID?
MISS GOLDIE'S PRIVATE ROOM IS FULL OF PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF YOU.
KLINK カラッ
THE DATE STAMP ON THE VIDEO FILES ON HER COMPUTER WERE RIGHT AFTER THE GUNFIGHT AT HER MANSION.


SHE CREDITS YOU WITH GETTING HER MEMORY BACK.
GOLDIE'S TOO HONORABLE TO USE DRUGS TO MAKE YOU HERS.
HONORABLE, HUH?
THEN WHY ARE YOU --?
BUT I'M WELL AWARE OF HOW MUCH SHE LOVES YOU.
TO MISS GOLDIE...
...I'M A SUBSTITUTE FOR YOU.
HUH?

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SONODA SPECIAL

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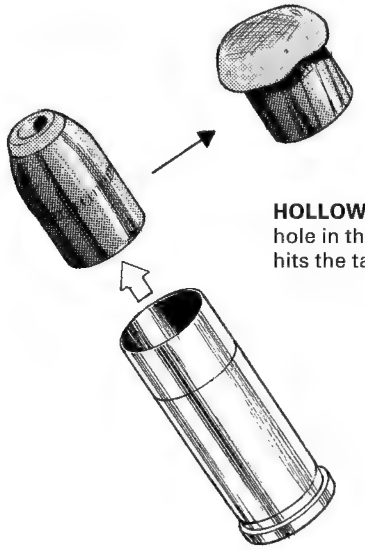
BULLET TRIVIA—TWELFTH SHOT—DUM-DUMS AND RELATED AMMO

Dum-dum bullets were born as a variation to British .303 rounds (for use in Lee-Enfield rifles) in 1888 and were used by the British.

As opposed to normal rounds that are fully covered in a bronze jacket (full-metal-jacket rounds), the tip exposes the inner lead core and is carved with a "+," making them change shape when they enter the human body and causing more damage. The name comes from the fact that they came from the Dum-Dum arsenal located outside of Calcutta, India.

Many of you probably know these bullets from episodes of the new *Lupin III*. The anime explains that they were banned by the treaty of Versailles because of their awesome piercing power, but this is, of course, incorrect. Only the military use of dum-dums and similar ammo was outlawed by the convention respecting the laws and customs of war on land because they cause "unnecessary suffering for soldiers." (I also made the mistake of calling it the Geneva Conventions when writing about dum-dums in volume 5 of *Exaxxion*. Sorry.) They can still be used by police and ordinary people.

Since compared to normal rounds they have about the same energy but sacrifice almost all of their piercing power for as much destructive ability as possible, there's little danger of them going through their target and harming other objects. Hollow-point and soft-point bullets have the same effect and are used by police all over the world, and can also be bought on the open market.



HOLLOW-POINT BULLET (When the hole in the tip meets resistance as it hits the target, it mushrooms.)

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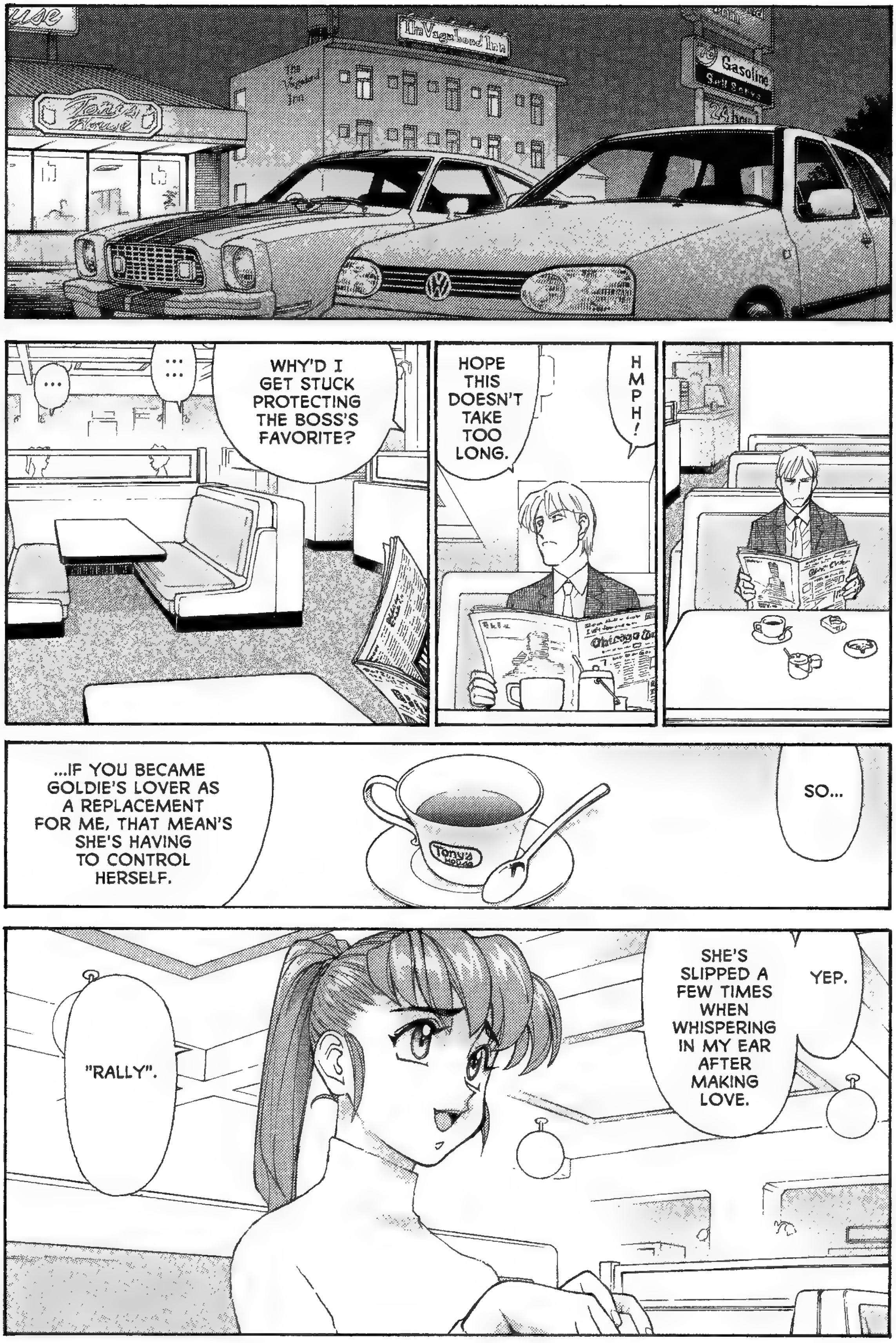
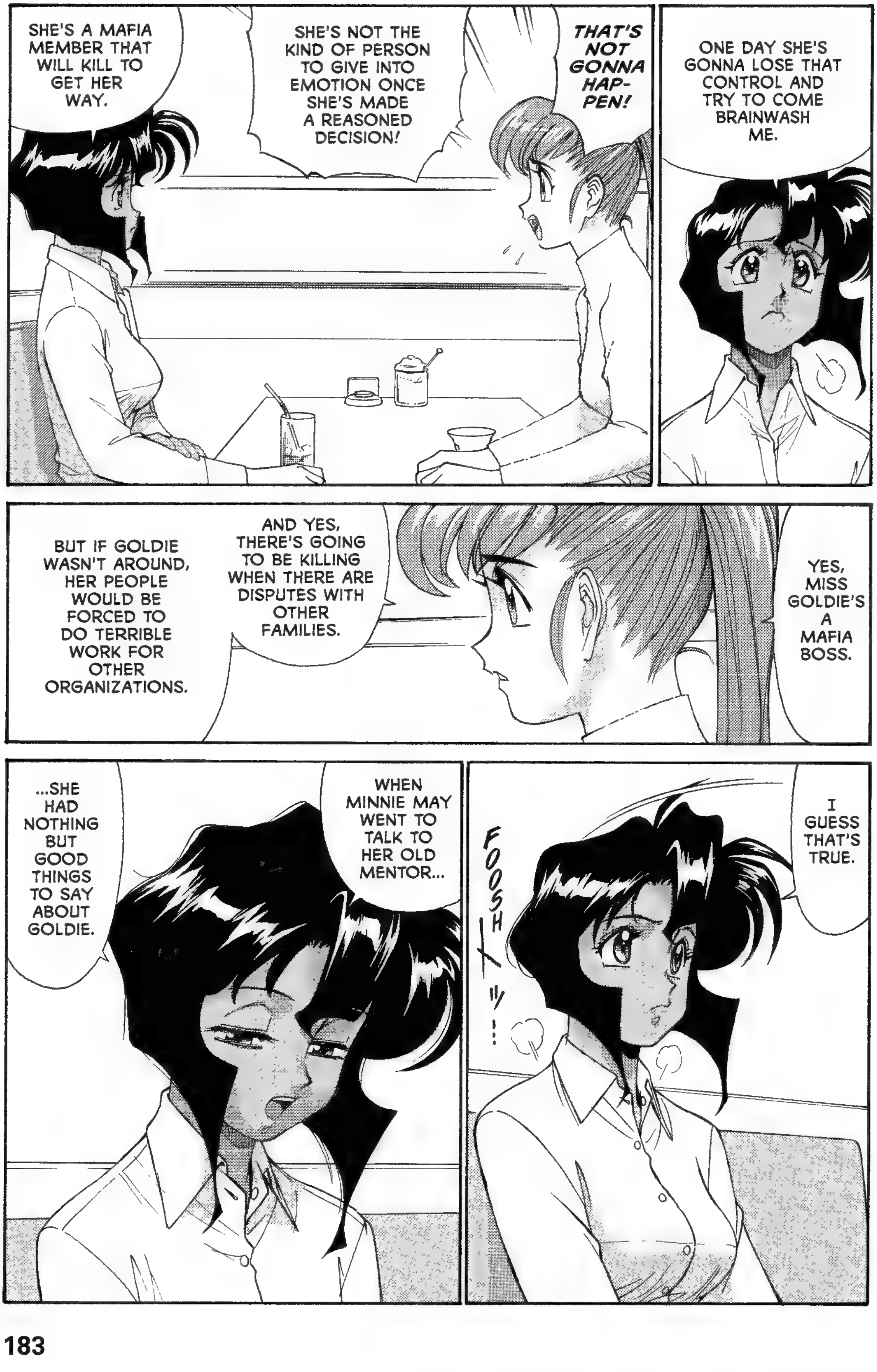
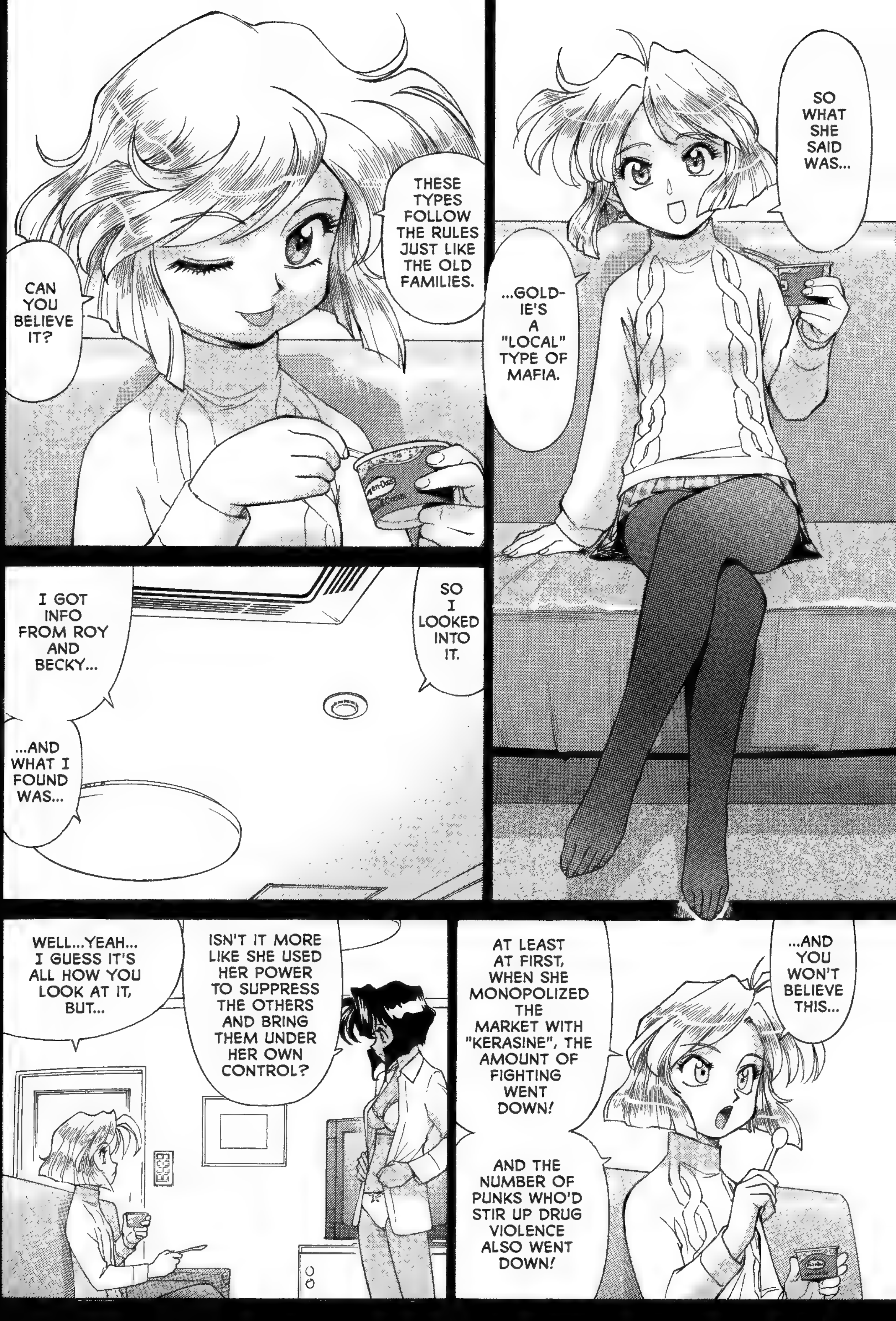
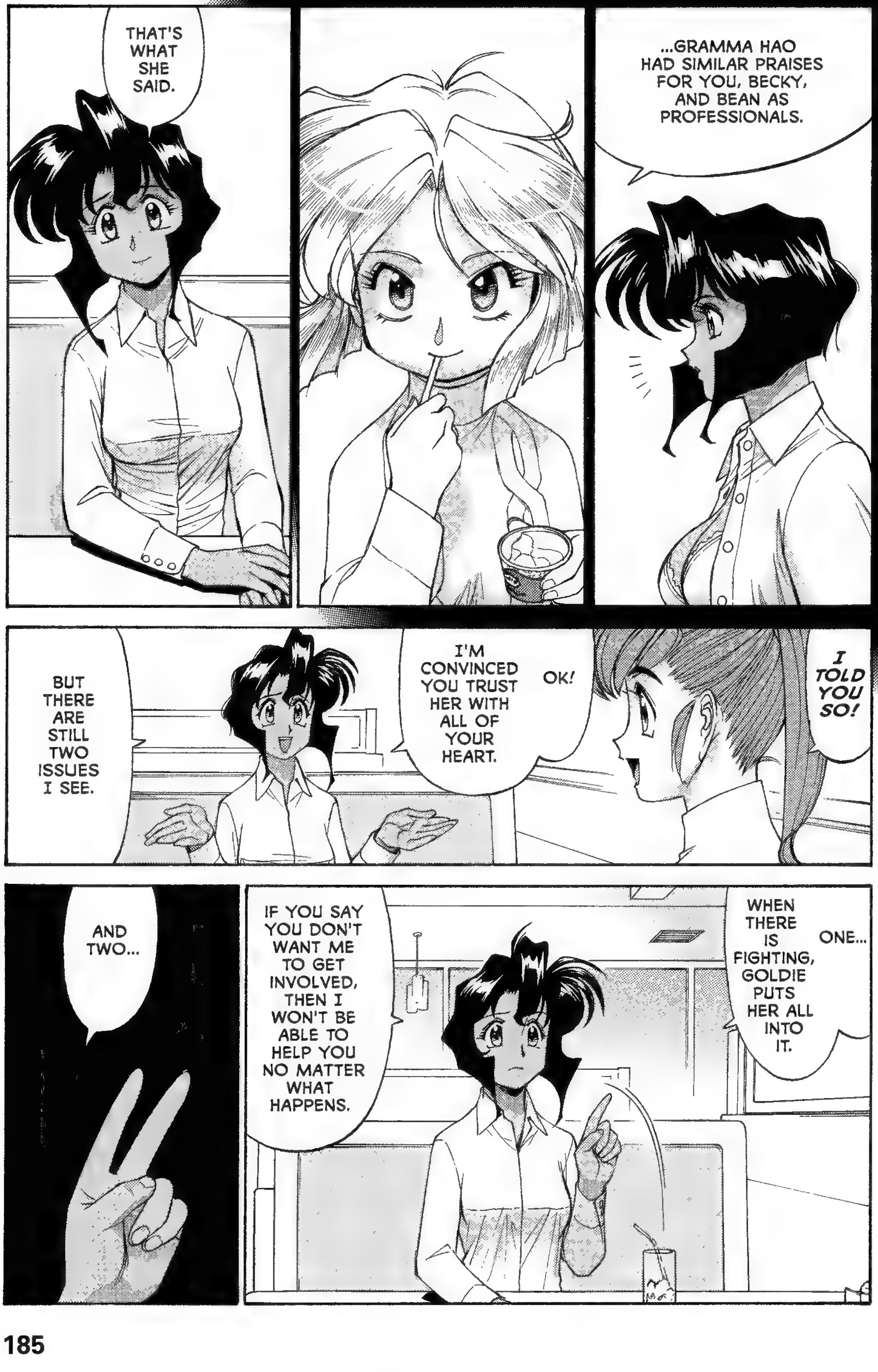
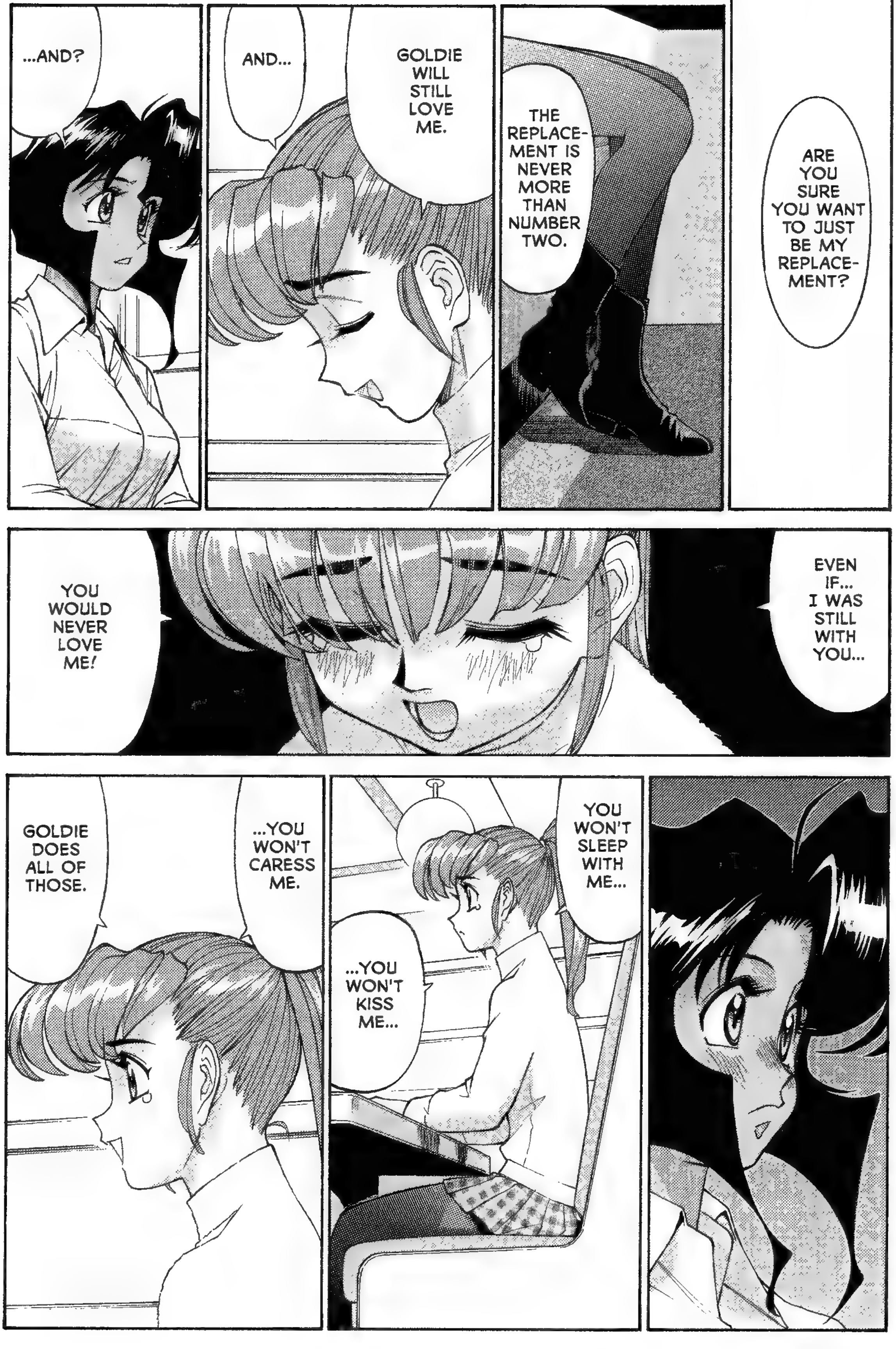
GOOD NIGHT

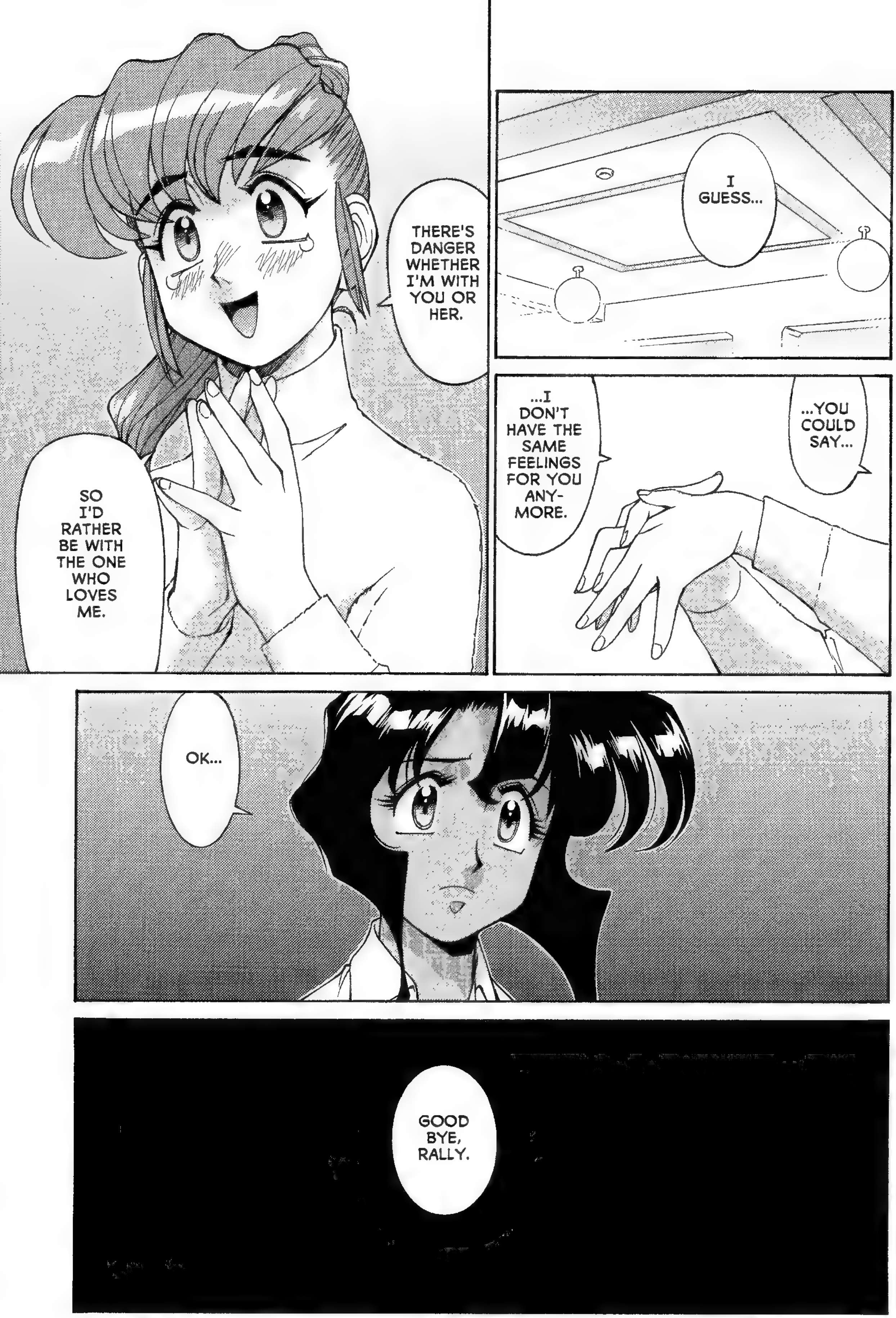

The Vagabond Inn
Tony's House
Gasoline
Self Serve
24 hour
HMPH!
HOPE THIS DOESN'T TAKE TOO LONG.
WHY'D I GET STUCK PROTECTING THE BOSS'S FAVORITE?
...
...
...
Tony's House
SO...
...IF YOU BECAME GOLDIE'S LOVER AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ME, THAT MEAN'S SHE'S HAVING TO CONTROL HERSELF.
YEP.
SHE'S SLIPPED A FEW TIMES WHEN WHISPERING IN MY EAR AFTER MAKING LOVE.
"RALLY".

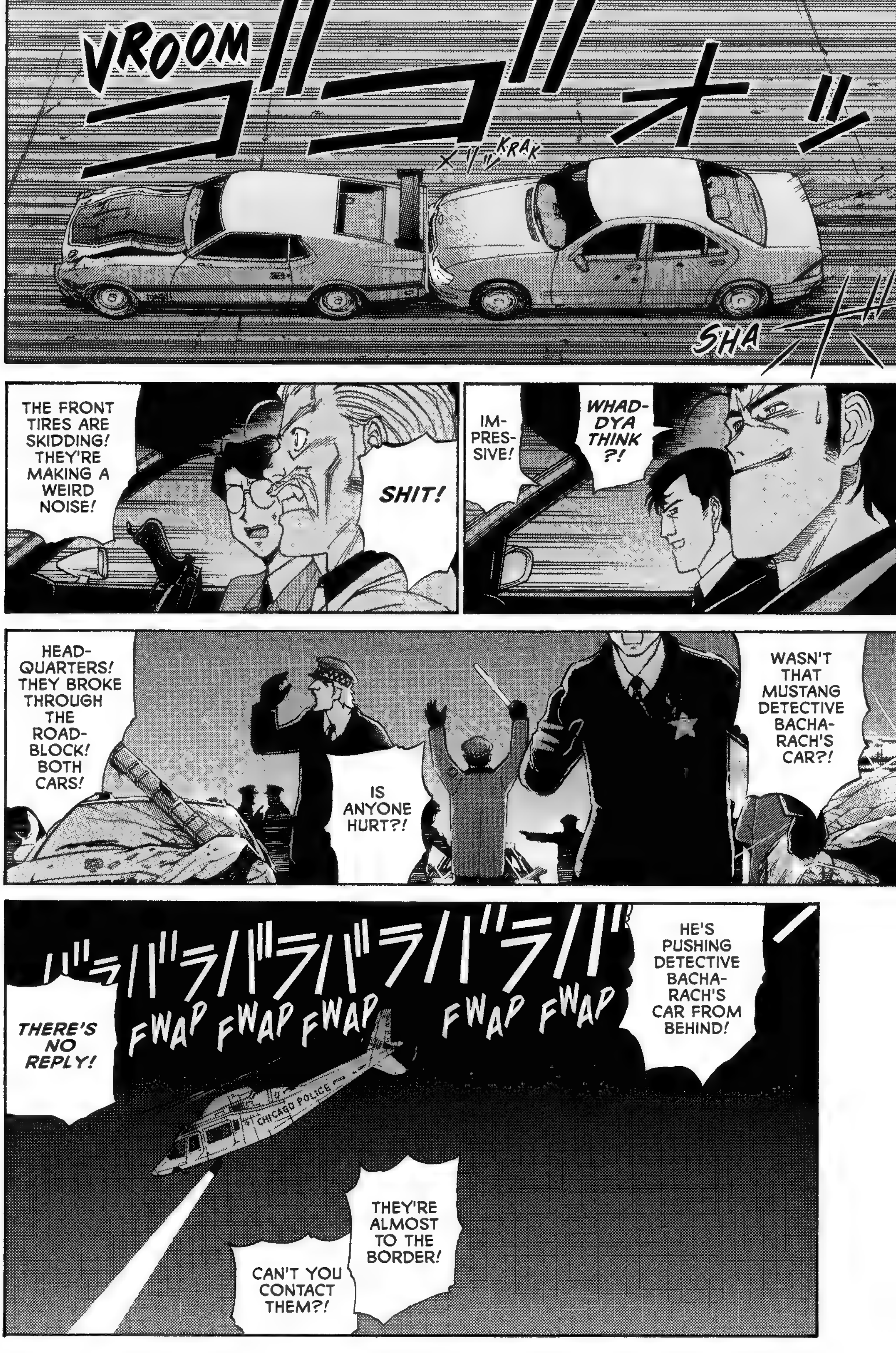

ONE DAY SHE'S GONNA LOSE THAT CONTROL AND TRY TO COME BRAINWASH ME.
THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN!
SHE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON TO GIVE INTO EMOTION ONCE SHE'S MADE A REASONED DECISION!
SHE'S A MAFIA MEMBER THAT WILL KILL TO GET HER WAY.
YES, MISS GOLDIE'S A MAFIA BOSS.
AND YES, THERE'S GOING TO BE KILLING WHEN THERE ARE DISPUTES WITH OTHER FAMILIES.
BUT IF GOLDIE WASN'T AROUND, HER PEOPLE WOULD BE FORCED TO DO TERRIBLE WORK FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.
FOOSH
WHEN MINNIE MAY WENT TO TALK TO HER OLD MENTOR...
...SHE HAD NOTHING BUT GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT GOLDIE.

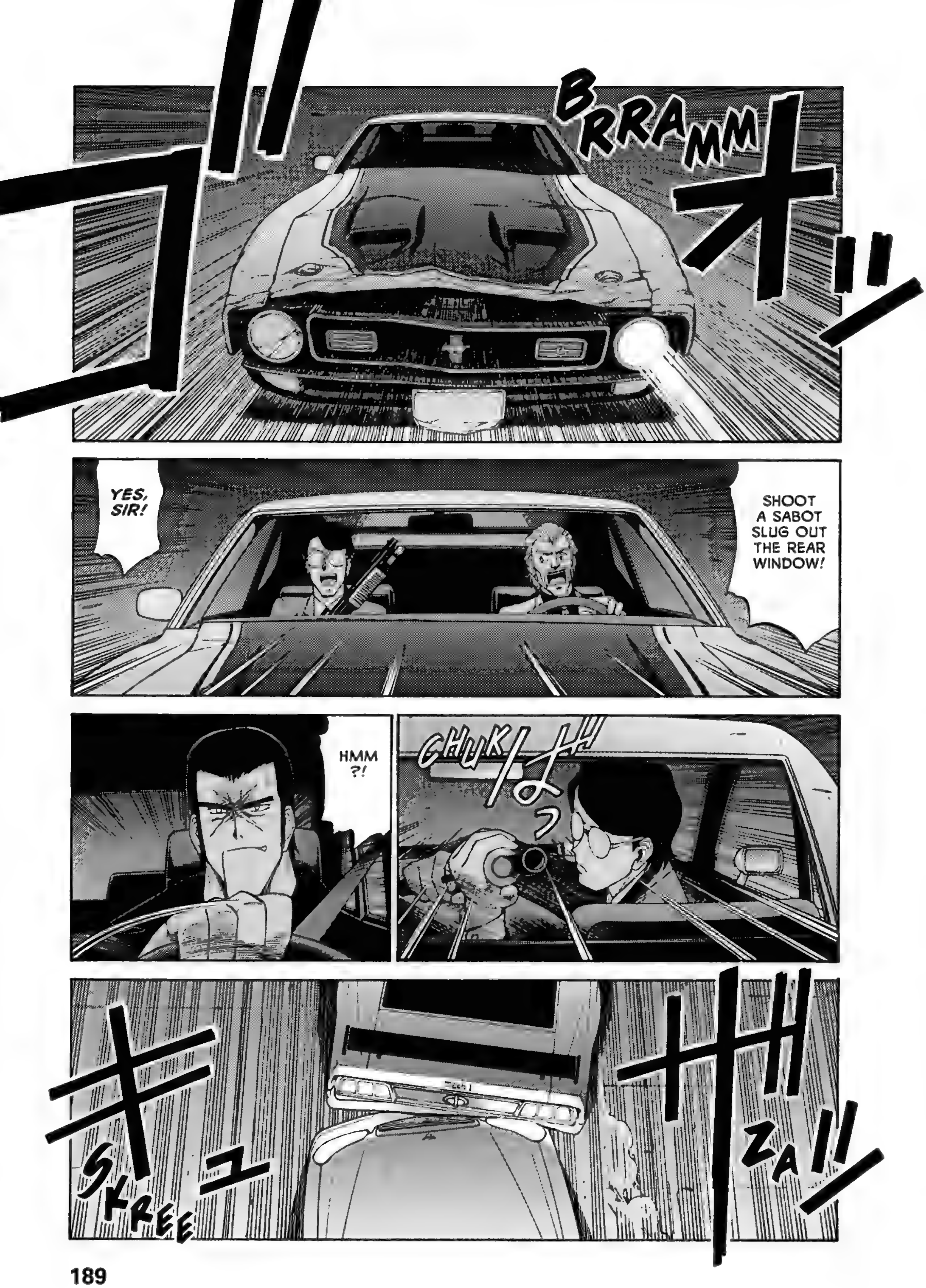

SO WHAT SHE SAID WAS...
...GOLDIE'S A "LOCAL" TYPE OF MAFIA.
THESE TYPES FOLLOW THE RULES JUST LIKE THE OLD FAMILIES.
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
SO I LOOKED INTO IT.
I GOT INFO FROM ROY AND BECKY...
...AND WHAT I FOUND WAS...
...AND YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS...
AT LEAST AT FIRST, WHEN SHE MONOPOLIZED THE MARKET WITH "KERASINE", THE AMOUNT OF FIGHTING WENT DOWN!
AND THE NUMBER OF PUNKS WHO'D STIR UP DRUG VIOLENCE ALSO WENT DOWN!
ISN'T IT MORE LIKE SHE USED HER POWER TO SUPPRESS THE OTHERS AND BRING THEM UNDER HER OWN CONTROL?
WELL...YEAH... I GUESS IT'S ALL HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, BUT...

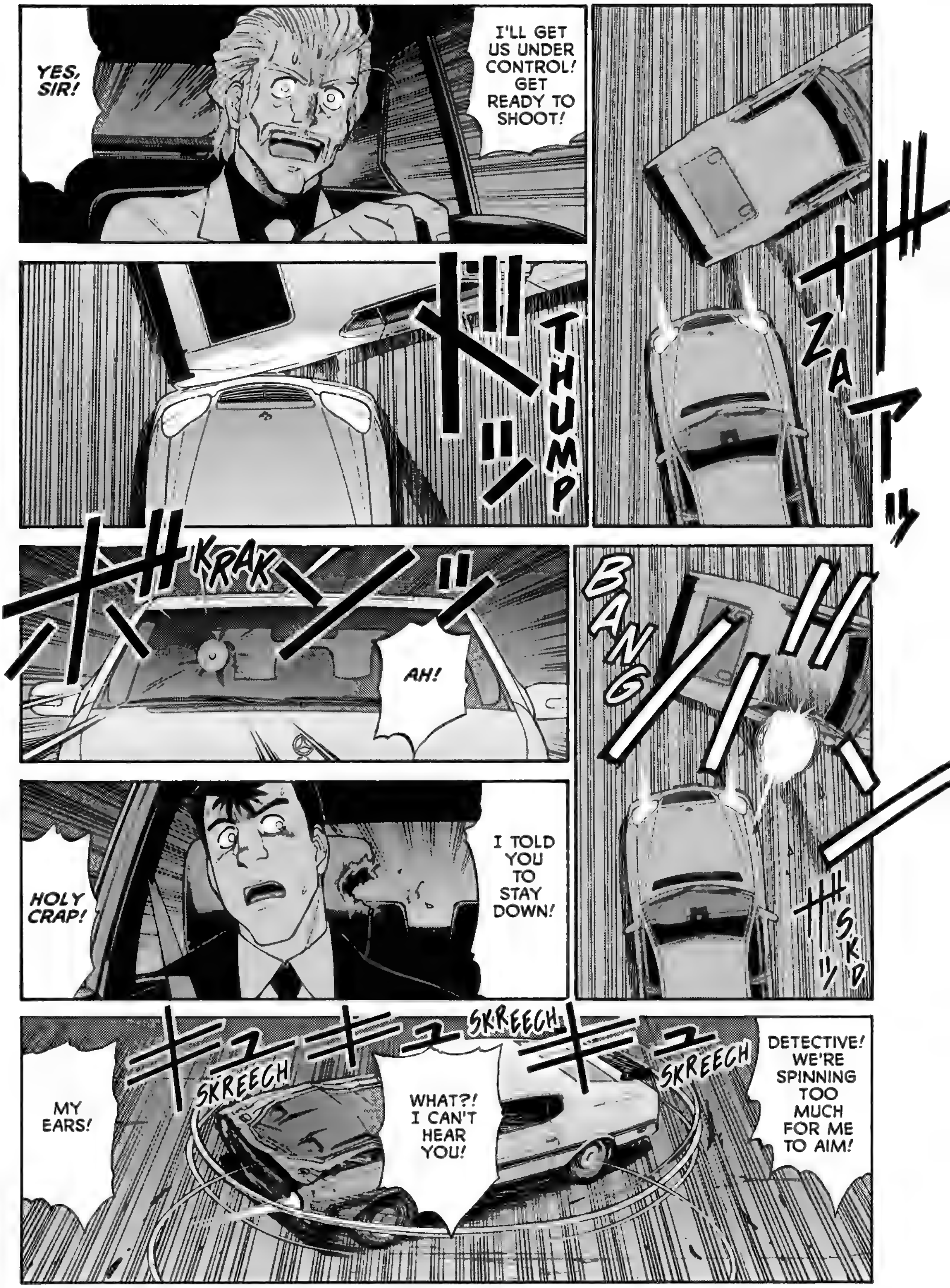

...GRAMMA HAO HAD SIMILAR PRAISES FOR YOU, BECKY, AND BEAN AS PROFESSIONALS.
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.
I TOLD YOU SO!
OK!
I'M CONVINCED YOU TRUST HER WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART.
BUT THERE ARE STILL TWO ISSUES I SEE.
ONE...
WHEN THERE IS FIGHTING, GOLDIE PUTS HER ALL INTO IT.
IF YOU SAY YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GET INVOLVED, THEN I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP YOU NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
AND TWO...

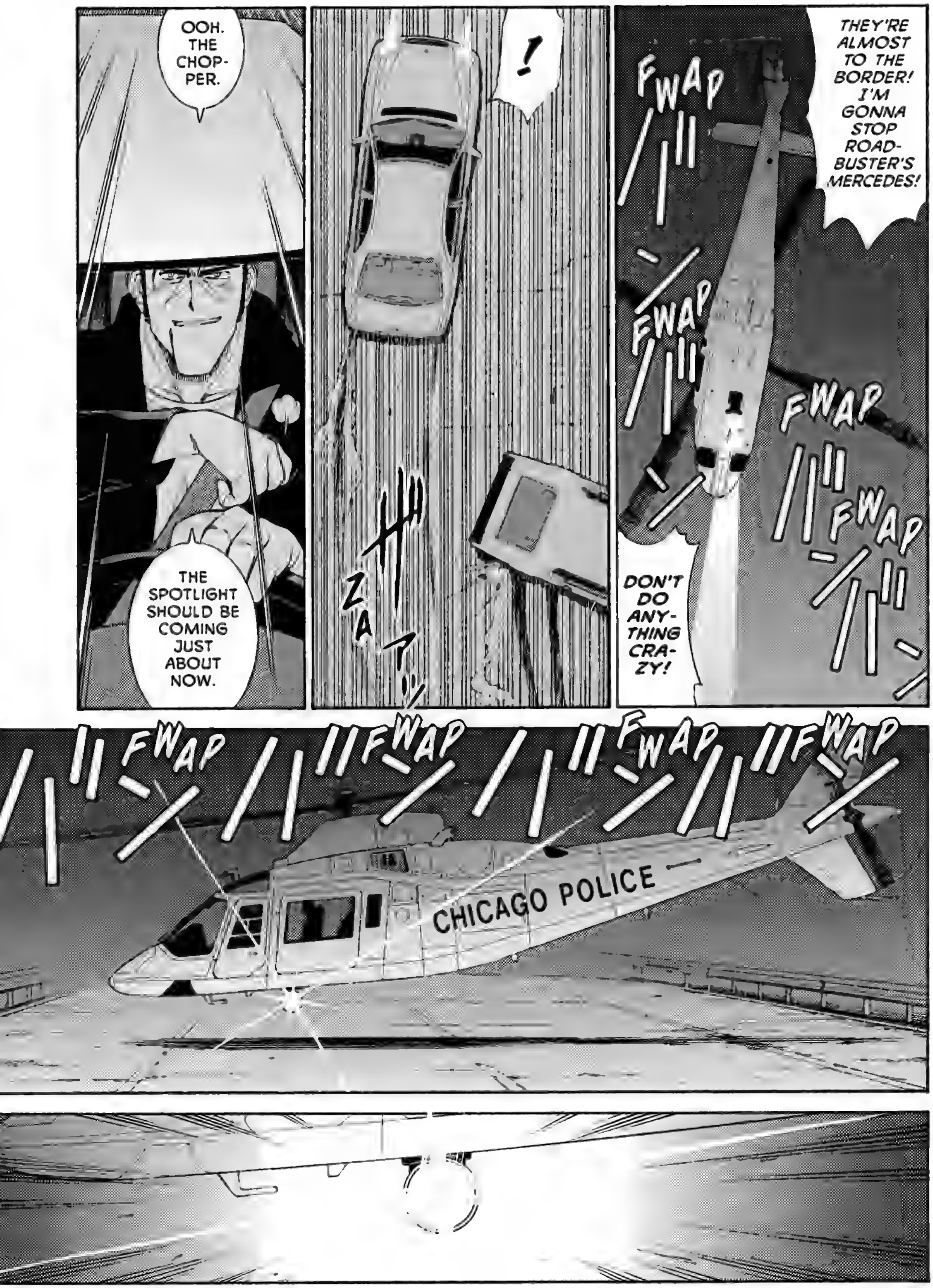

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO JUST BE MY REPLACEMENT?
THE REPLACEMENT IS NEVER MORE THAN NUMBER TWO.
GOLDIE WILL STILL LOVE ME.
AND...
...AND?
EVEN IF... I WAS STILL WITH YOU...
YOU WOULD NEVER LOVE ME!
YOU WON'T SLEEP WITH ME...
...YOU WON'T KISS ME...
...YOU WON'T CARESS ME.
GOLDIE DOES ALL OF THOSE.

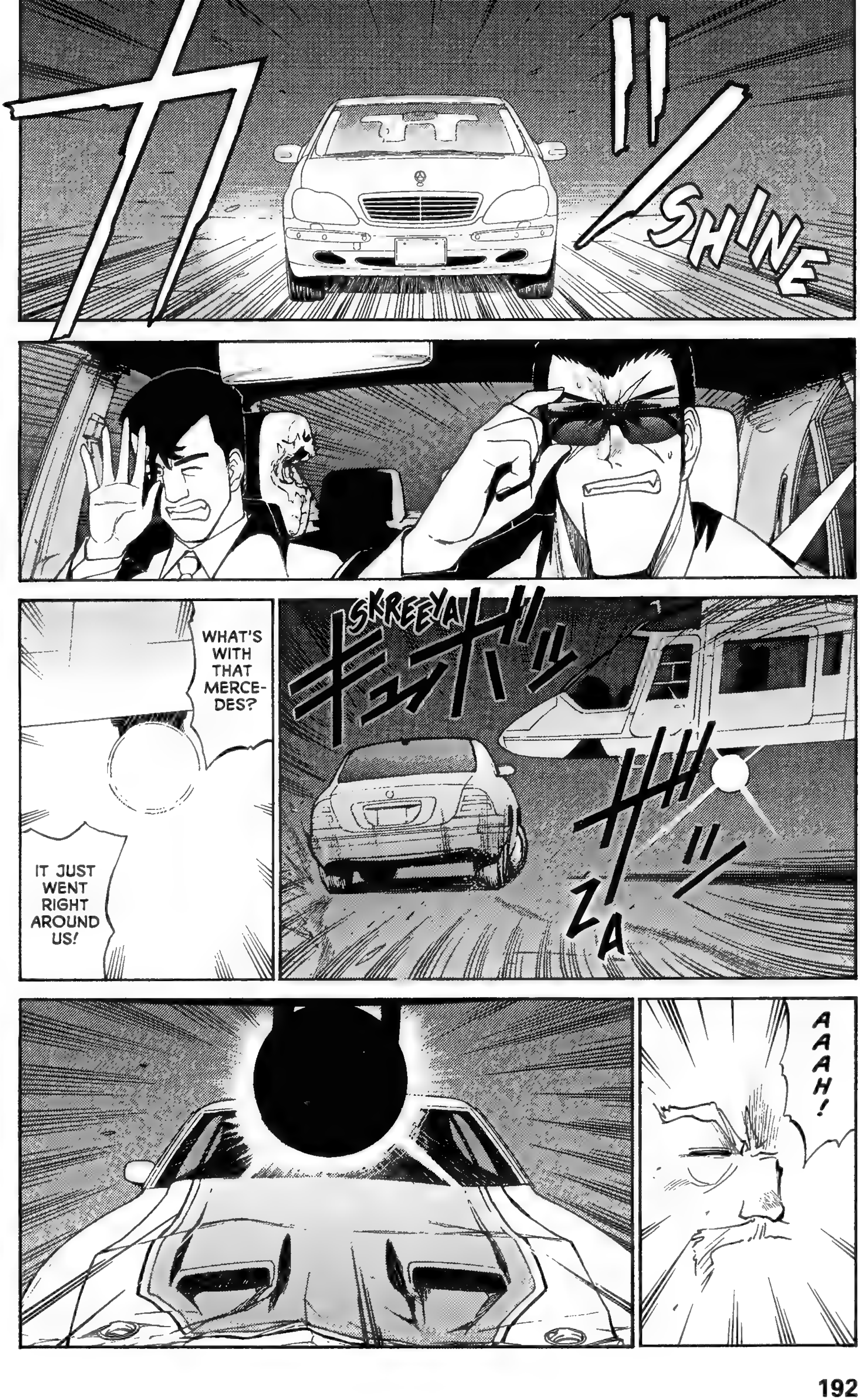

I GUESS...
...YOU COULD SAY...
...I DON'T HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS FOR YOU ANYMORE.
THERE'S DANGER WHETHER I'M WITH YOU OR HER.
SO I'D RATHER BE WITH THE ONE WHO LOVES ME.
OK...
GOOD BYE, RALLY.

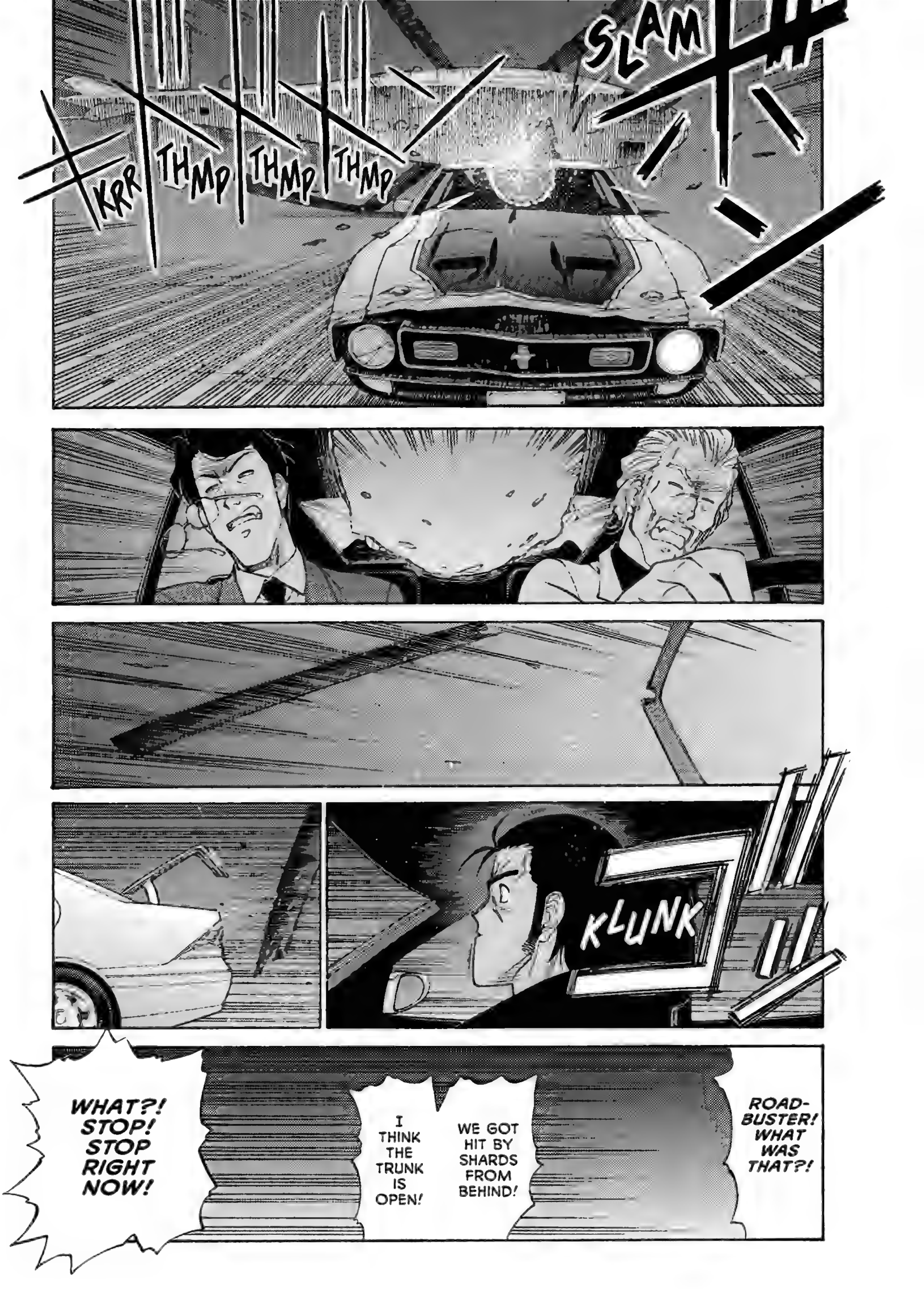

ゴゴオッ
VROOM
メリッ
KRAK
SHA
WHADDYA THINK?!
IMPRESSIVE!
SHIT!
THE FRONT TIRES ARE SKIDDING! THEY'RE MAKING A WEIRD NOISE!
WASN'T THAT MUSTANG DETECTIVE BACHARACH'S CAR?!
IS ANYONE HURT?!
HEADQUARTERS! THEY BROKE THROUGH THE ROADBLOCK! BOTH CARS!
HE'S PUSHING DETECTIVE BACHARACH'S CAR FROM BEHIND!
バラバラバラバラバ
FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP FWAP
CHICAGO POLICE
THERE'S NO REPLY!
THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE BORDER!
CAN'T YOU CONTACT THEM?!

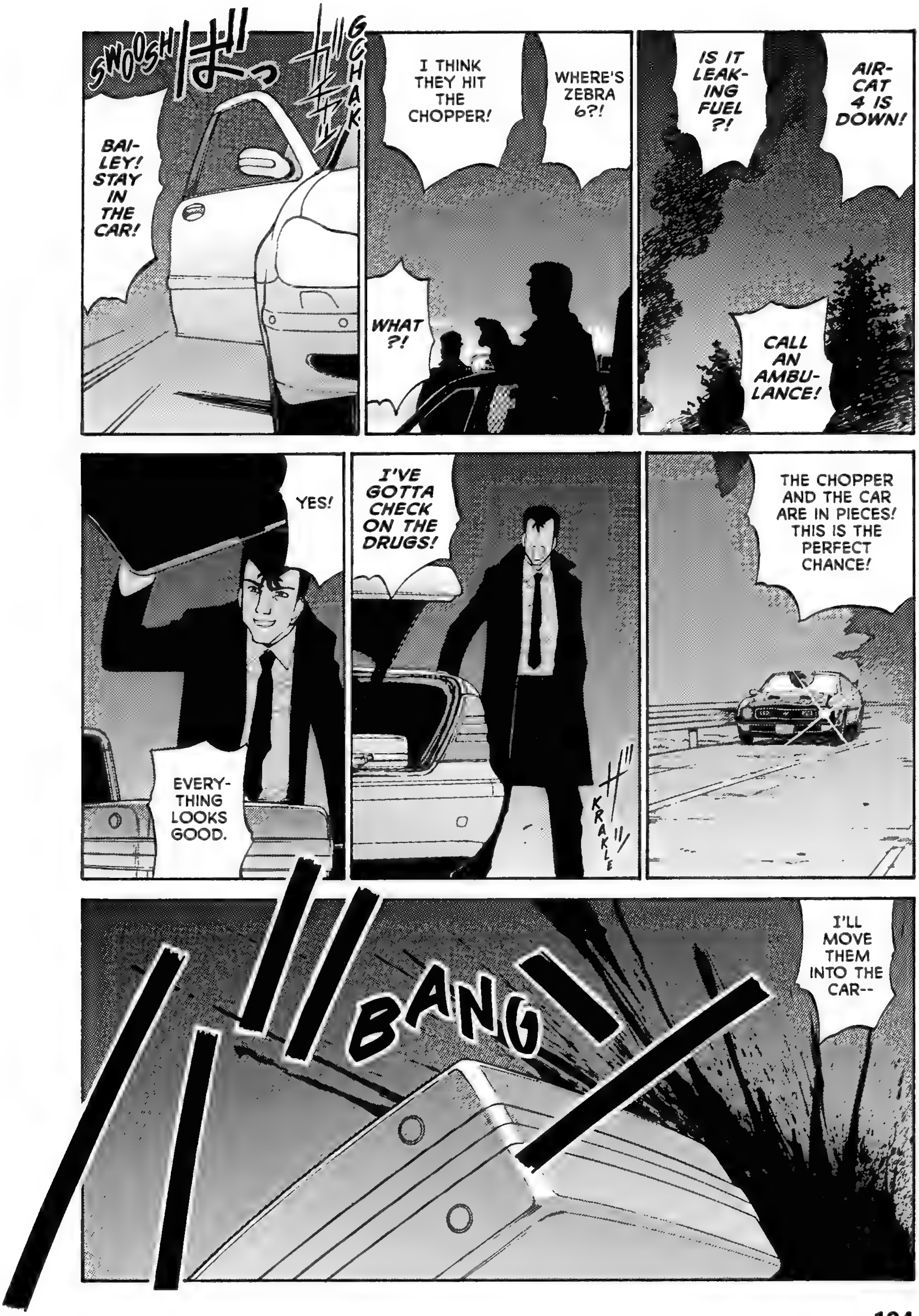

BRRAMM
ゴオッ
SHOOT A SABOT SLUG OUT THE REAR WINDOW!
YES, SIR!
CHUK
はっ
HMM ?!
ザ
ZA
キュ
SKREE

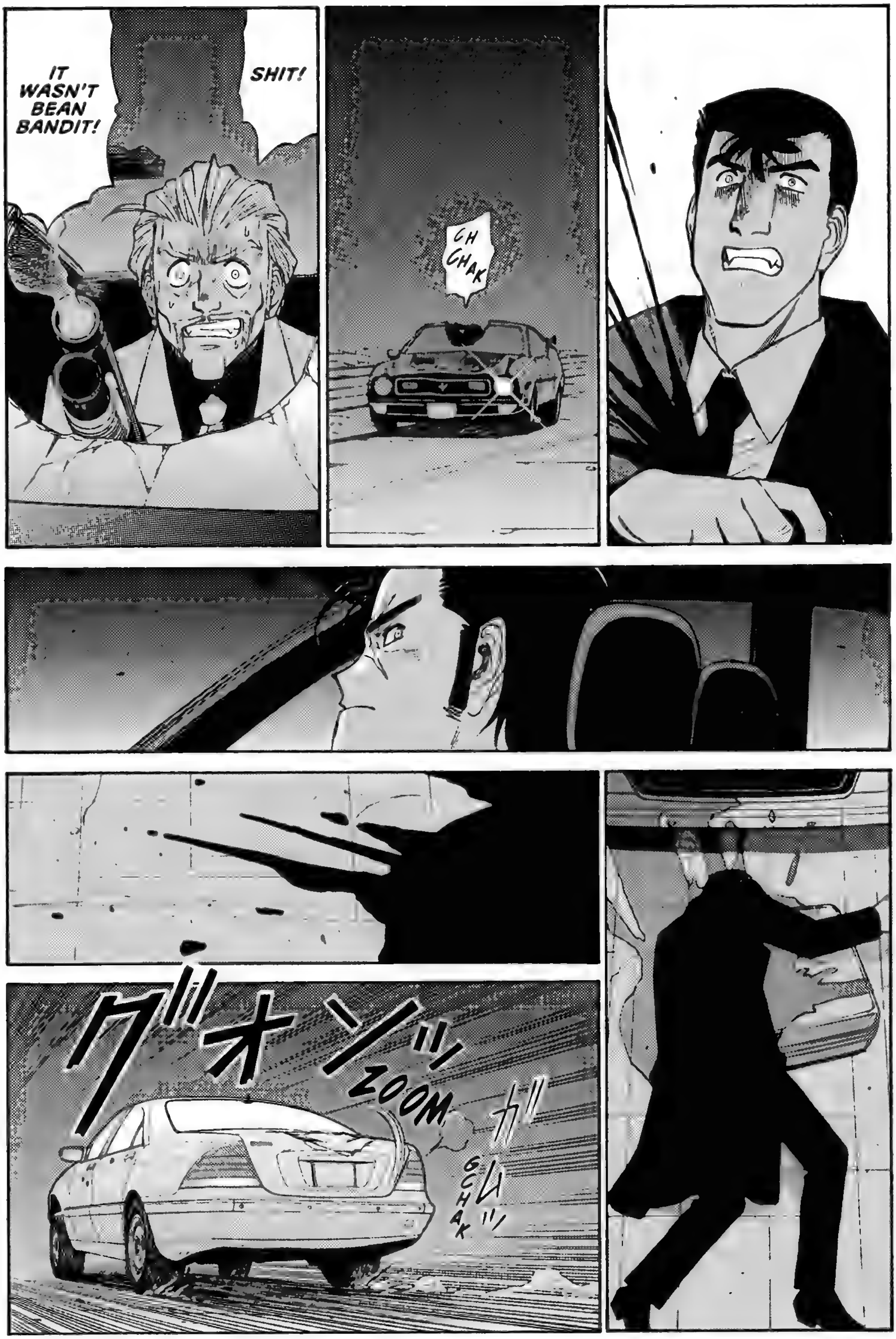

I'LL GET US UNDER CONTROL! GET READY TO SHOOT!
YES, SIR!
ZAA
THUMP
BANG
SKD
KRAK
AH!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY DOWN!
HOLY CRAP!
DETECTIVE! WE'RE SPINNING TOO MUCH FOR ME TO AIM!
SKREECH
SKREECH
WHAT?! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
SKREECH
MY EARS!

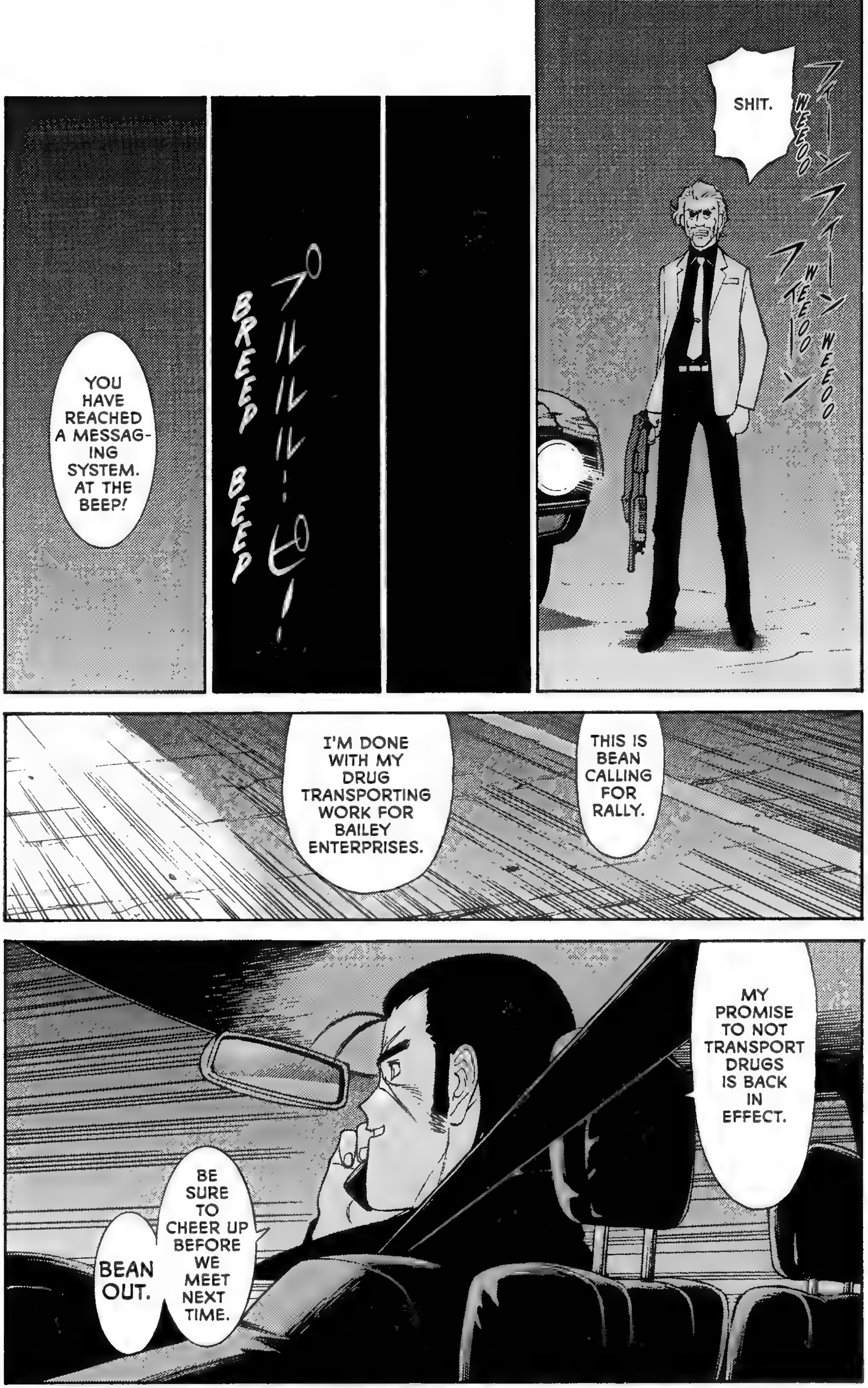

OOH. THE CHOPPER.
THE SPOTLIGHT SHOULD BE COMING JUST ABOUT NOW.
!
ZA
FWAP
THEY'RE ALMOST TO THE BORDER! I'M GONNA STOP ROAD-BUSTER'S MERCEDES!
DON'T DO ANYTHING CRAZY!
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
CHICAGO POLICE


カッ
SHINE
キュバッ
SKREEYA
ザッ
ZA
WHAT'S WITH THAT MERCEDES?
IT JUST WENT RIGHT AROUND US!
AAAAH!


SLAM
KRR THMP THMP THMP
KLUNK
ROAD-BUSTER! WHAT WAS THAT?!
WE GOT HIT BY SHARDS FROM BEHIND!
I THINK THE TRUNK IS OPEN!
WHAT?! STOP! STOP RIGHT NOW!


AIR-CAT 4 IS DOWN!
IS IT LEAKING FUEL?!
CALL AN AMBULANCE!
WHERE'S ZEBRA 6?!
I THINK THEY HIT THE CHOPPER!
WHAT?!
GCHAK
ばっ
SWOOSH
BAILEY! STAY IN THE CAR!
THE CHOPPER AND THE CAR ARE IN PIECES! THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE!
KRAKLE
I'VE GOTTA CHECK ON THE DRUGS!
YES!
EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD.
I'LL MOVE THEM INTO THE CAR--
BANG

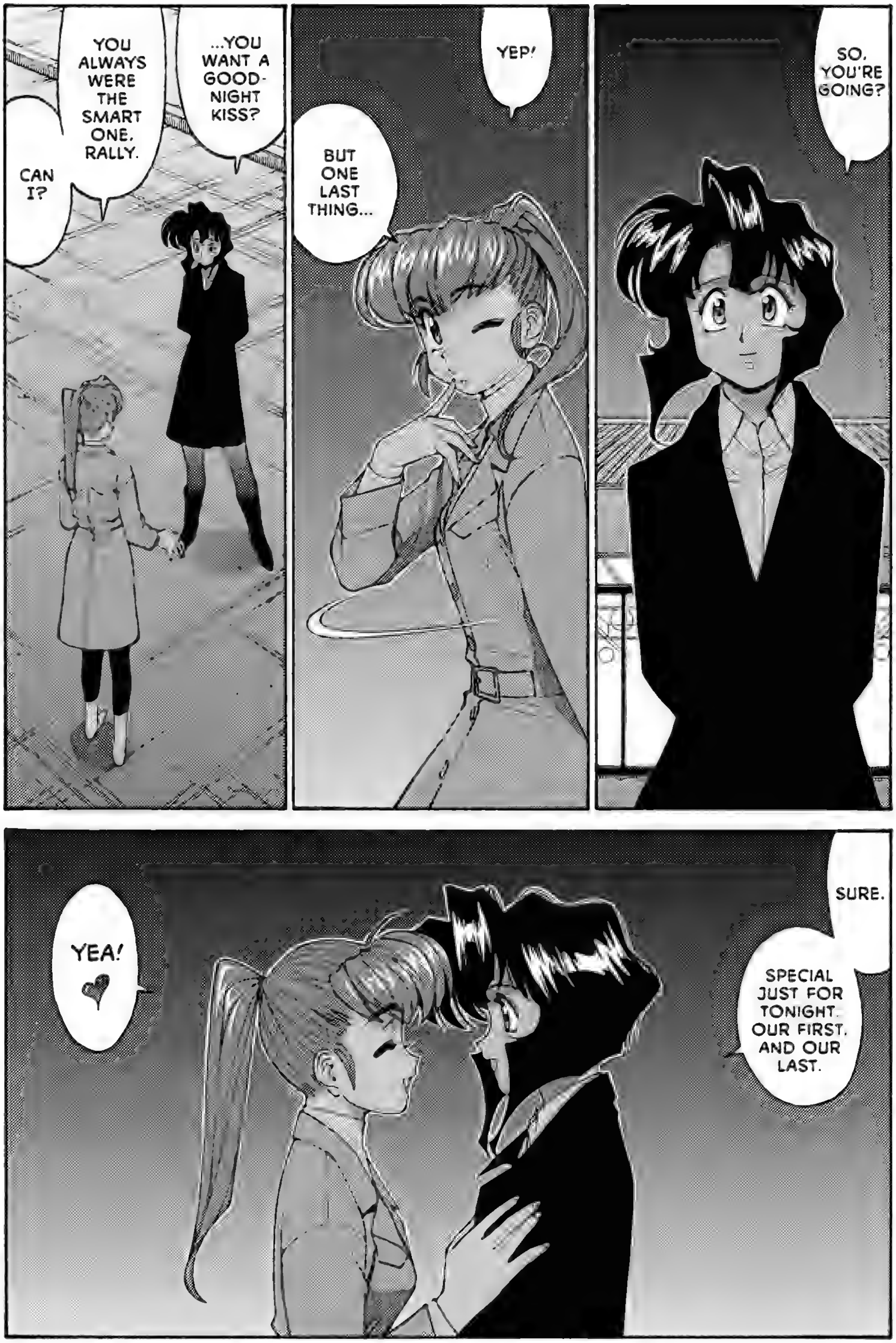

CH CHAK
SHIT!
IT WASN'T BEAN BANDIT!
グオンッ
ZOOM
ガムッ
GCHAK

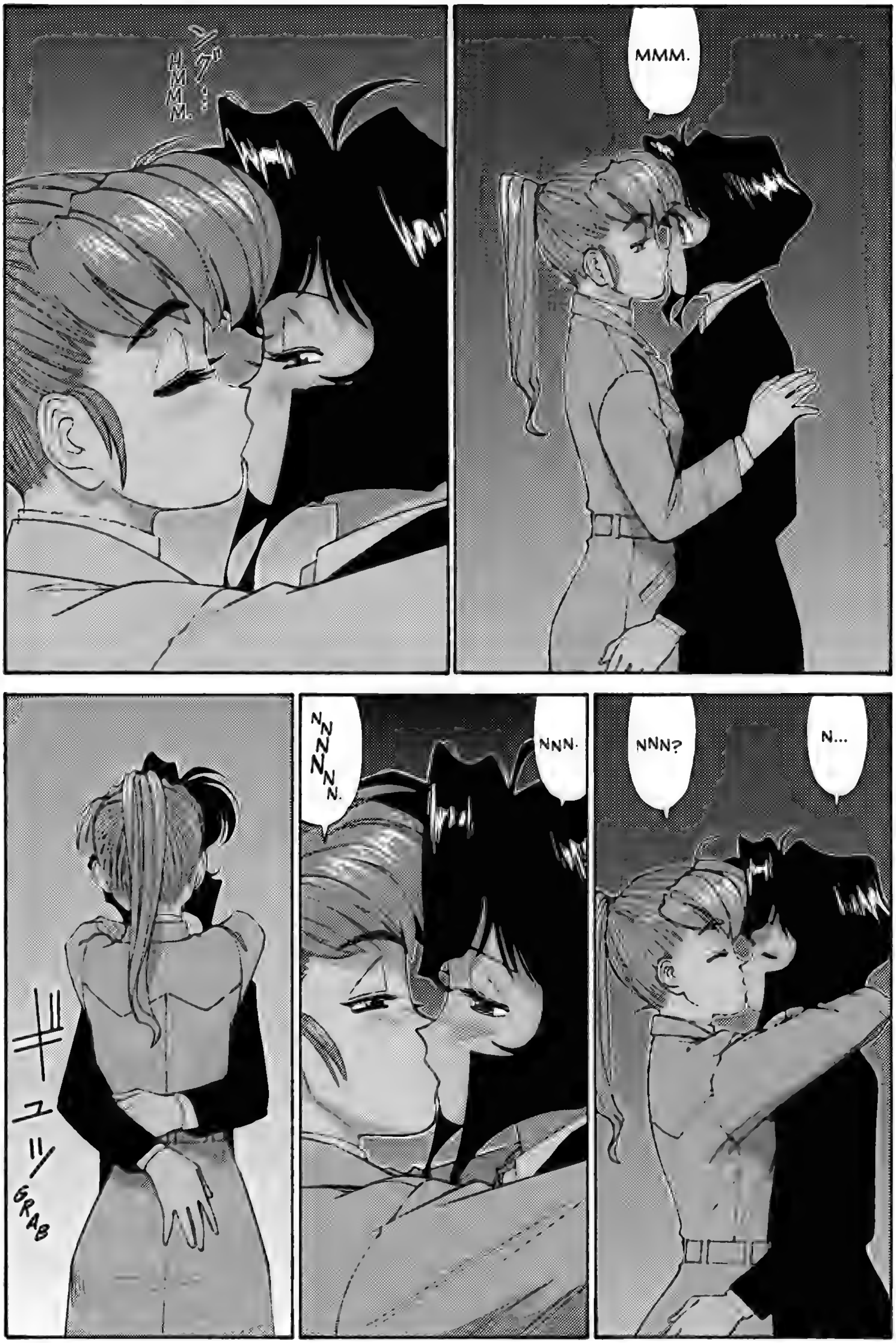

SHIT.
WEEOO WEEOO WEEOO WEEOO
BREEP BEEP
YOU HAVE REACHED A MESSAGING SYSTEM. AT THE BEEP!
THIS IS BEAN CALLING FOR RALLY.
I'M DONE WITH MY DRUG TRANSPORTING WORK FOR BAILEY ENTERPRISES.
MY PROMISE TO NOT TRANSPORT DRUGS IS BACK IN EFFECT.
BE SURE TO CHEER UP BEFORE WE MEET NEXT TIME.
BEAN OUT.

CHAPTER 50 / END

FINAL CHAPTER

FACES OF CHICAGO


SO, YOU'RE GOING?
YEP!
BUT ONE LAST THING...
...YOU WANT A GOOD-NIGHT KISS?
YOU ALWAYS WERE THE SMART ONE, RALLY.
CAN I?
SURE.
SPECIAL JUST FOR TONIGHT. OUR FIRST, AND OUR LAST.
YEA! ♥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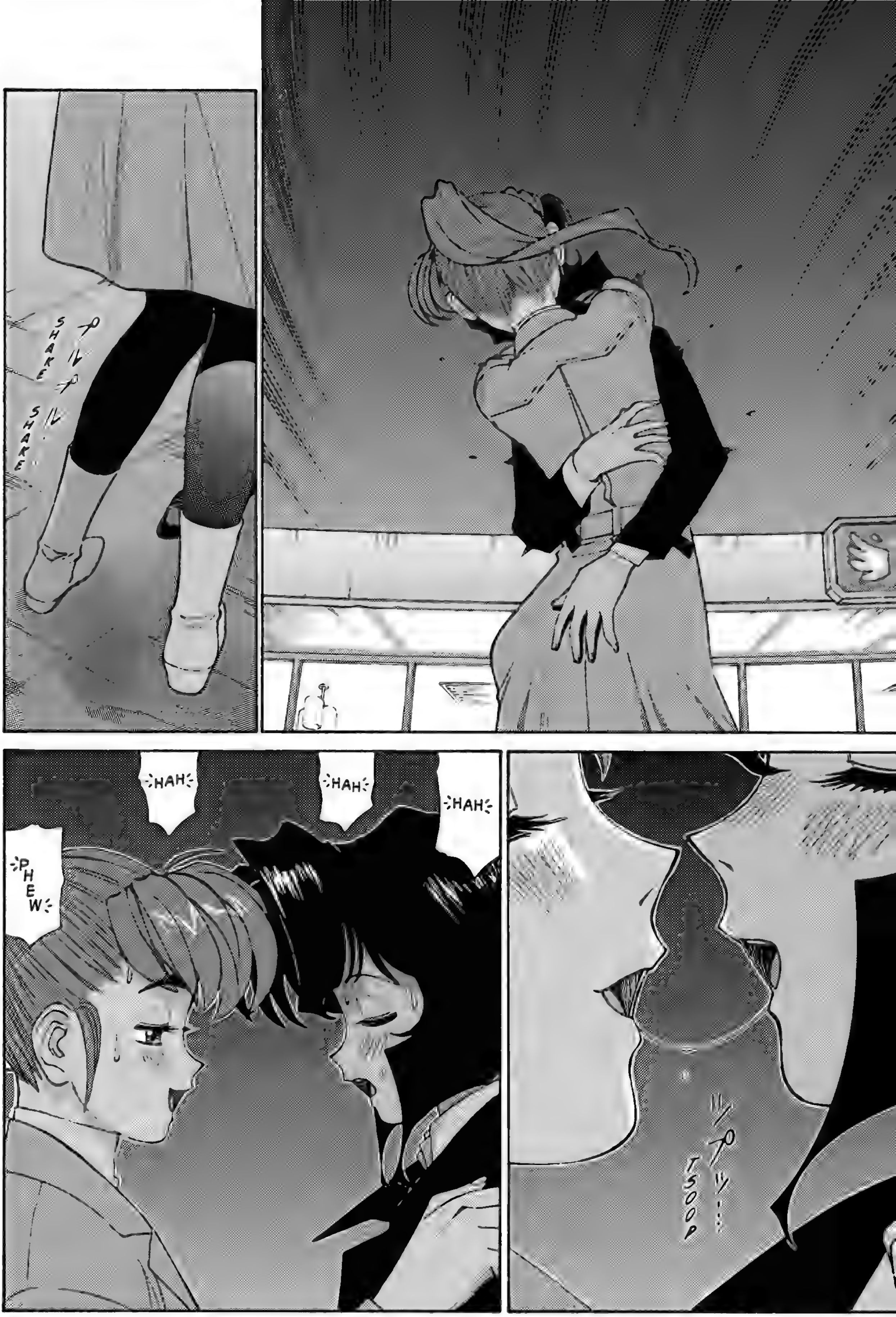
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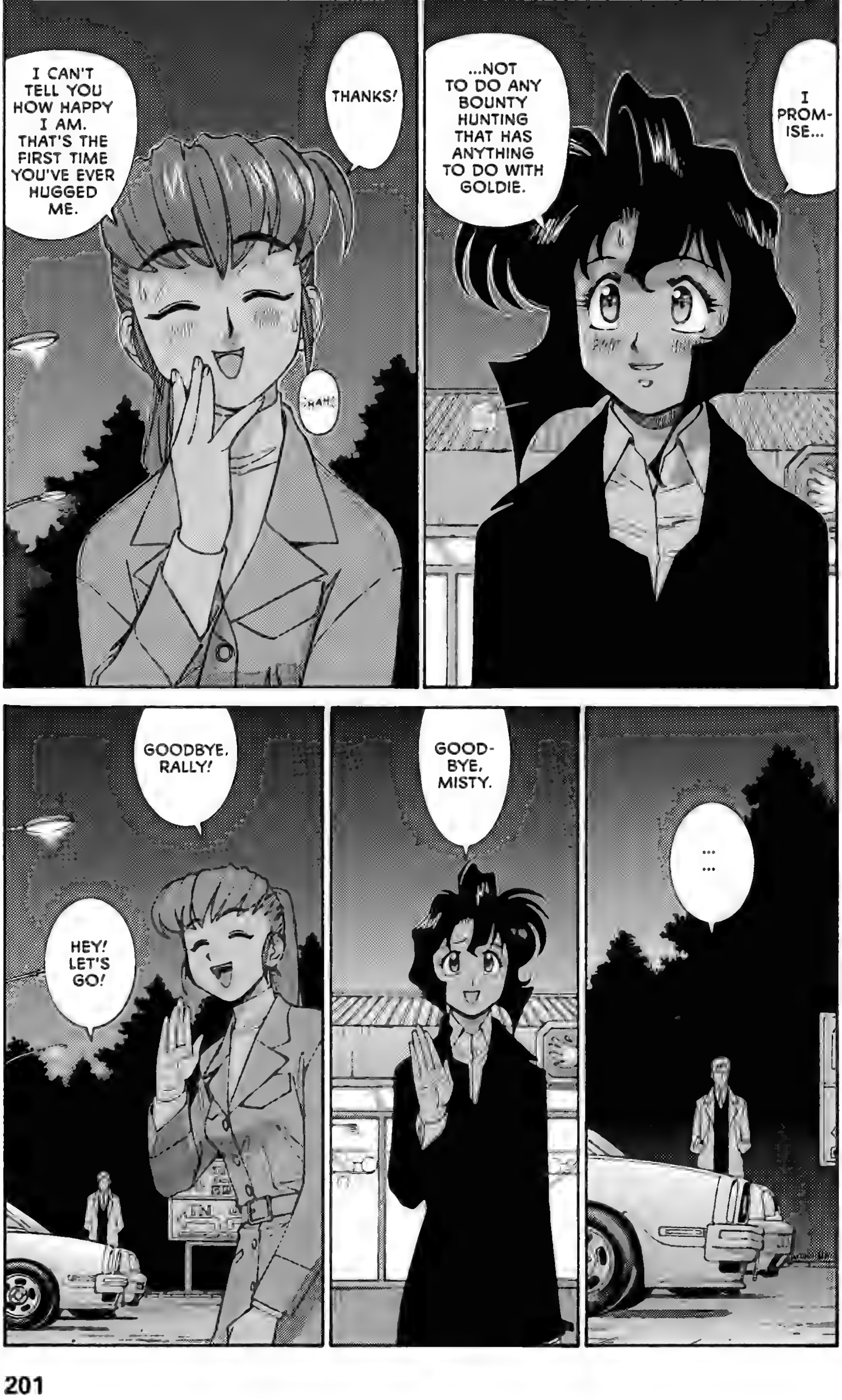
I PROMISE...
...NOT TO DO ANY BOUNTY HUNTING THAT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH GOLDIE.
THANKS!
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY I AM. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER HUGGED ME.
HAH!
GOODBYE, RALLY!
HEY! LET'S GO!
GOOD-BYE, MISTY.
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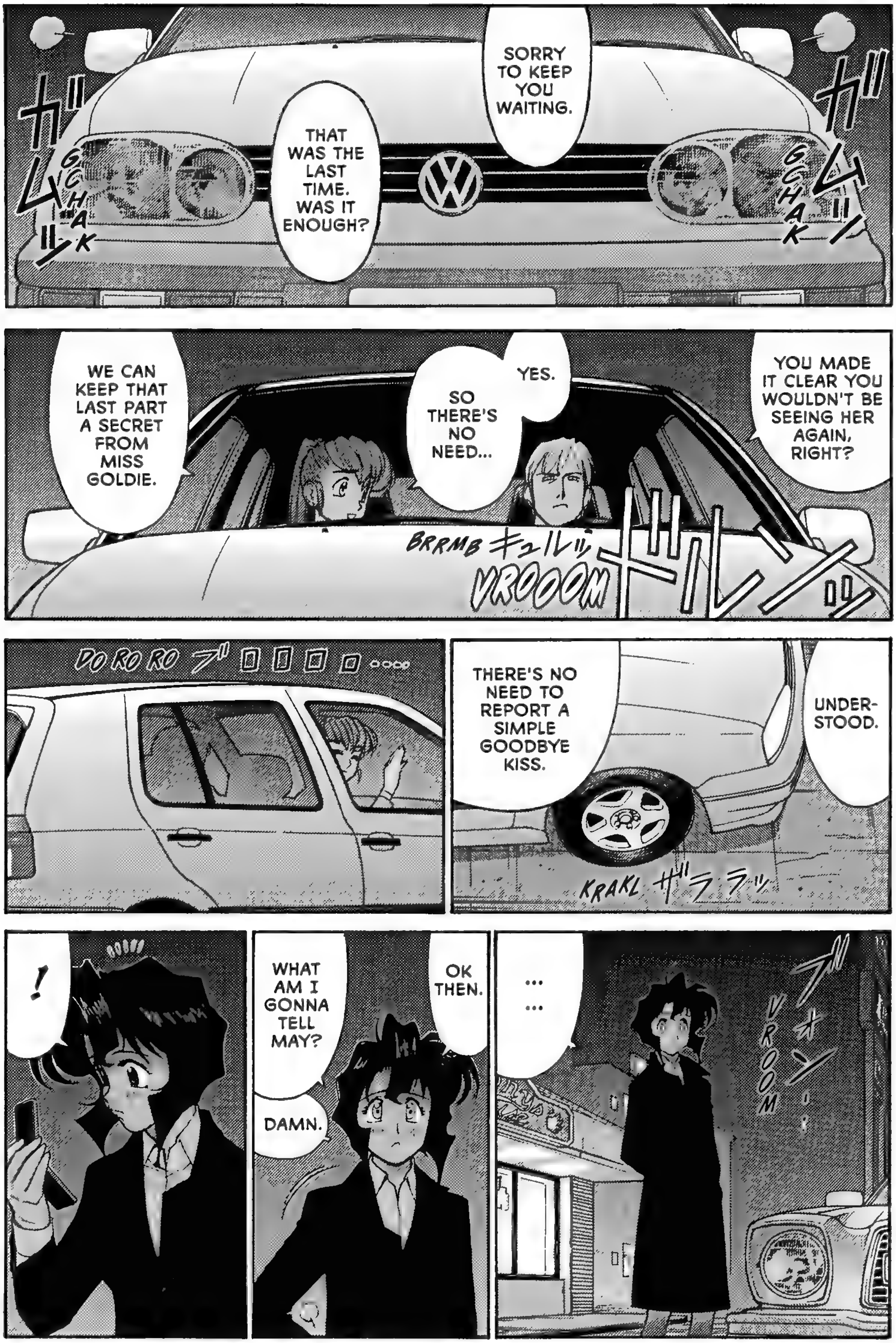
ガムッ
GCHAK
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME. WAS IT ENOUGH?
GCHAK
ガムッ
YOU MADE IT CLEAR YOU WOULDN'T BE SEEING HER AGAIN, RIGHT?
YES.
SO THERE'S NO NEED...
WE CAN KEEP THAT LAST PART A SECRET FROM MISS GOLDIE.
BRRMB キュルルッ
VROOOM ギュルンッ
UNDER-STOOD.
THERE'S NO NEED TO REPORT A SIMPLE GOODBYE KISS.
KRAKL ザララッ
DO RO RO ブロロロロ...
VROOOM ブオン...
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...
OK THEN.
WHAT AM I GONNA TELL MAY?
DAMN.
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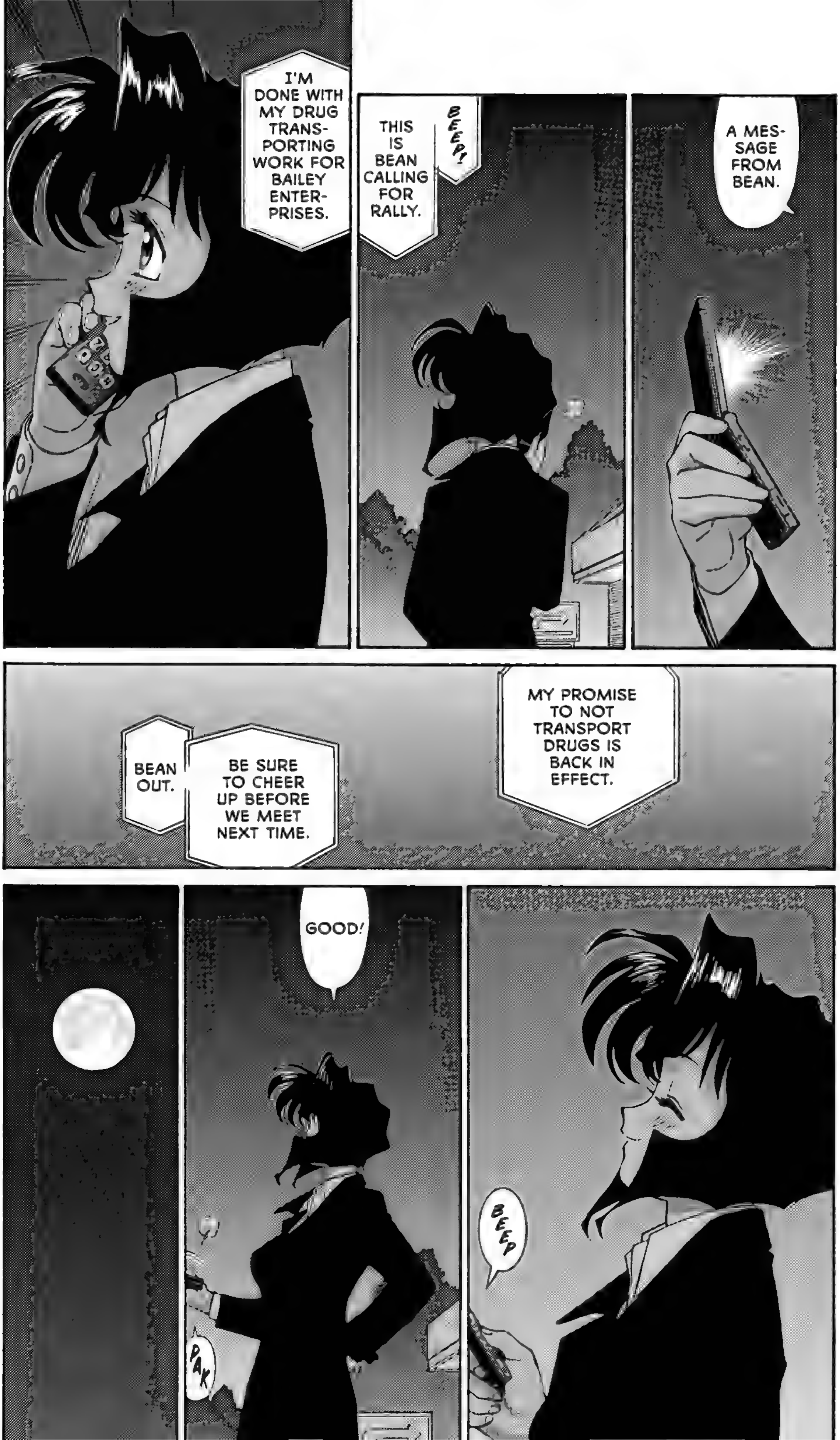
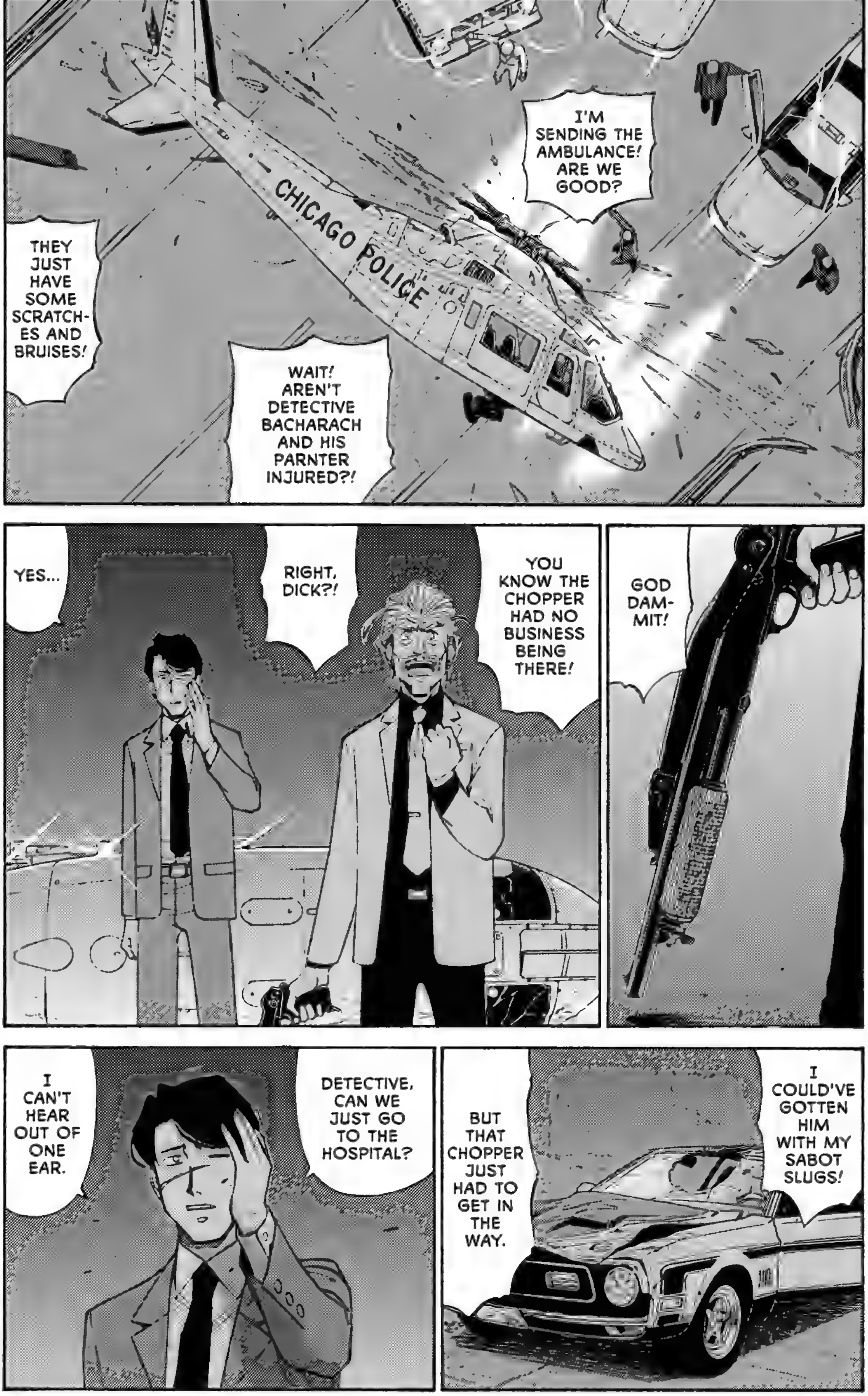
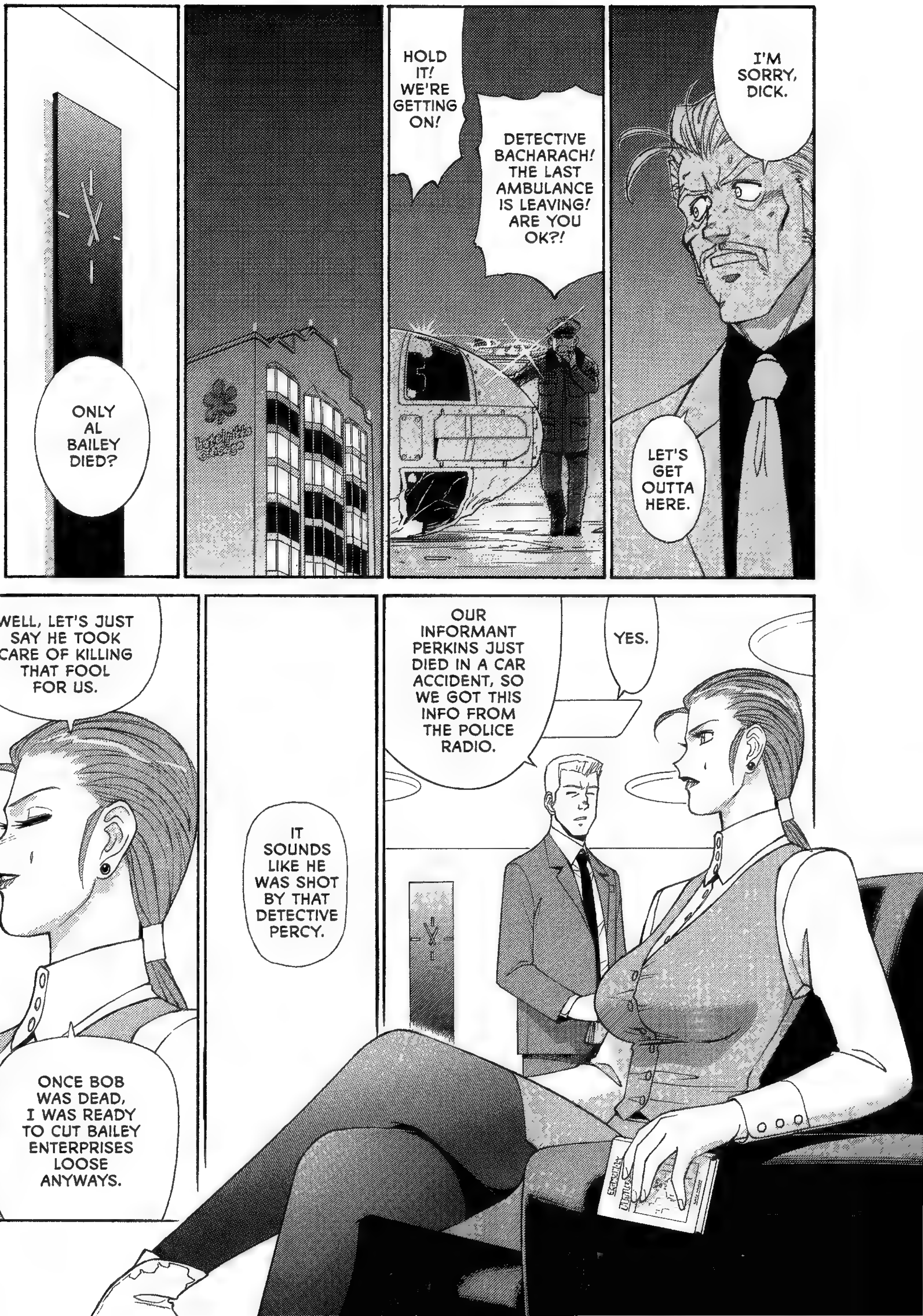
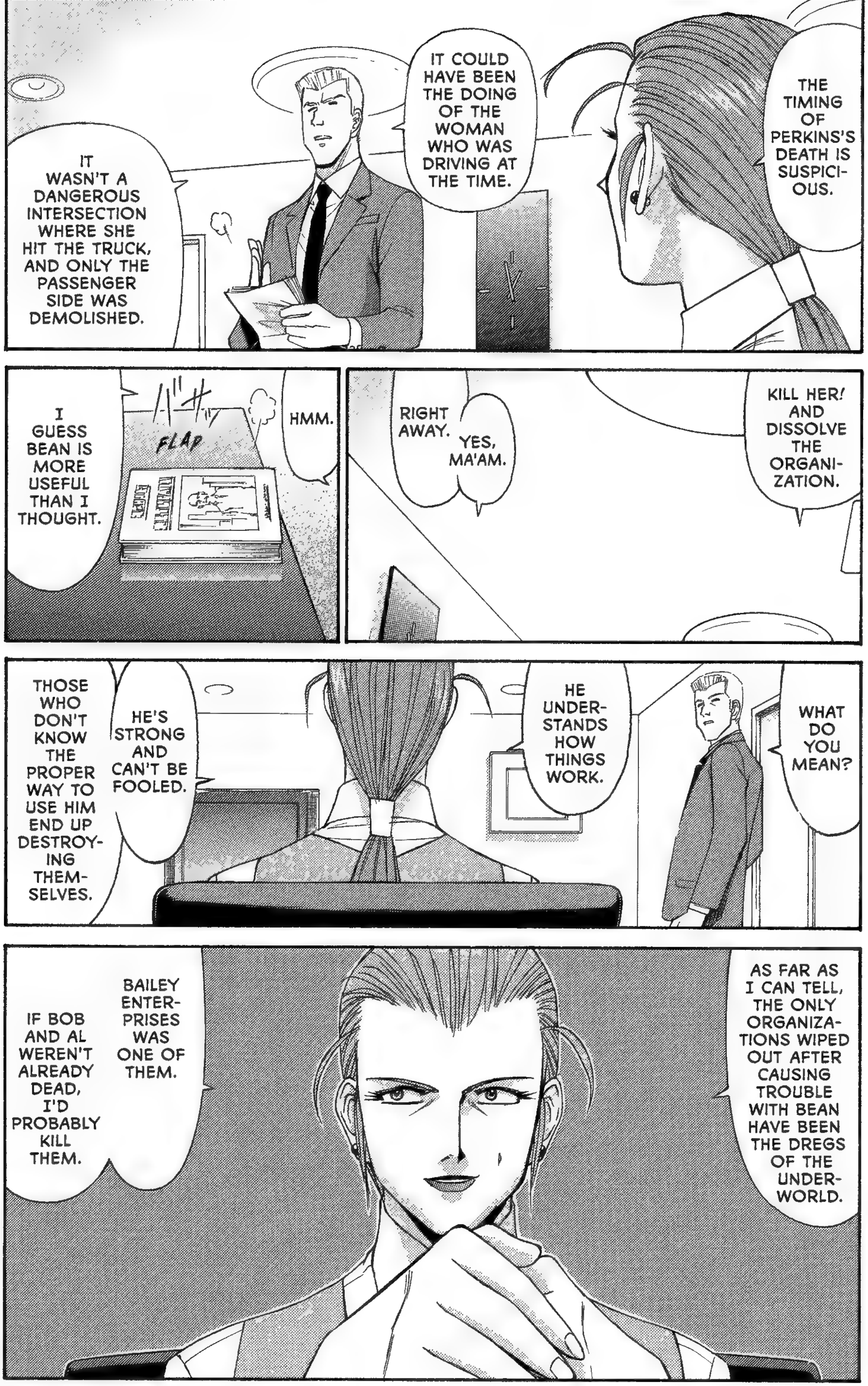
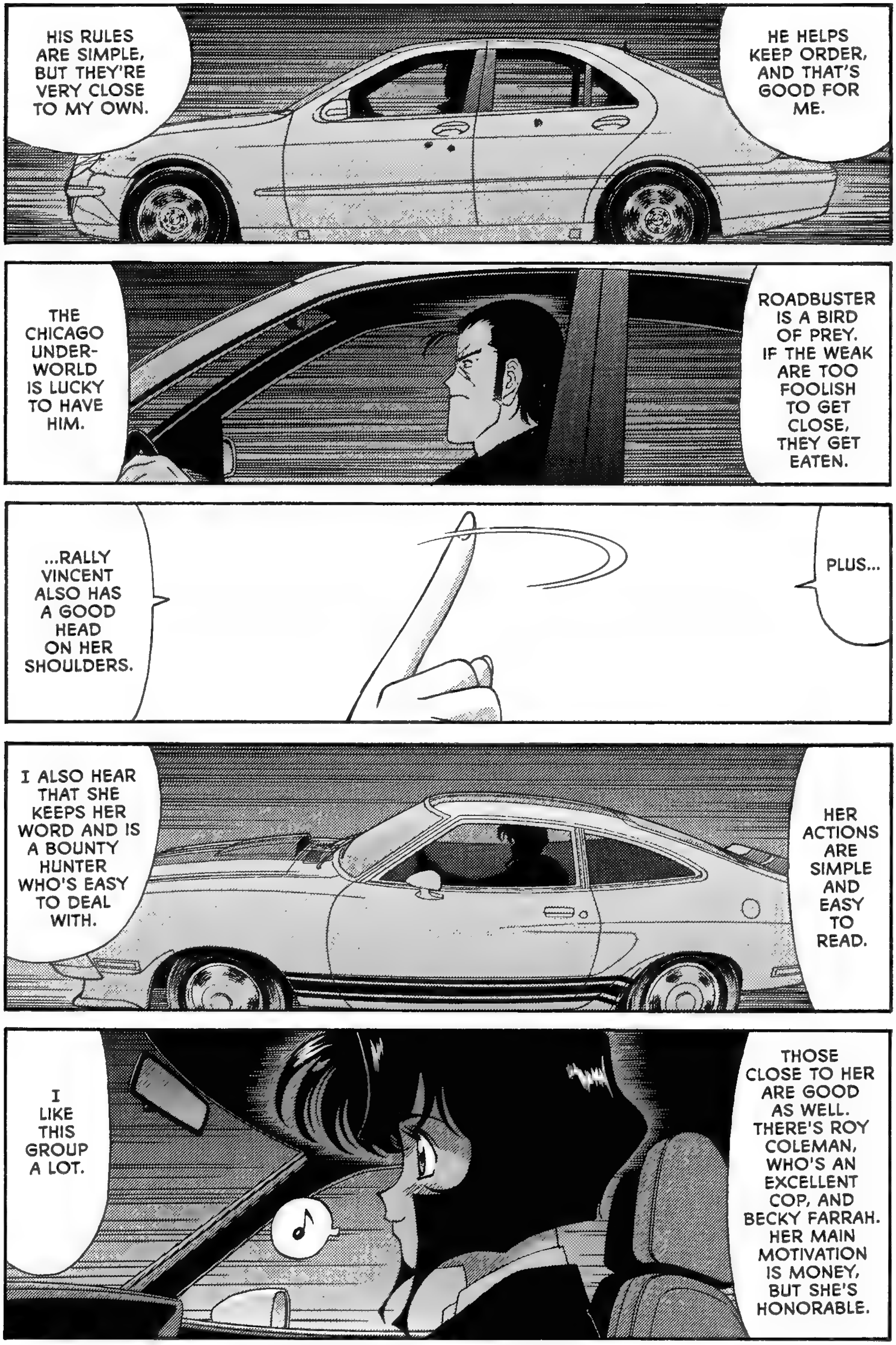

A MESSAGE FROM BEAN.
BEEP!
THIS IS BEAN CALLING FOR RALLY.
I'M DONE WITH MY DRUG TRANSPORTING WORK FOR BAILEY ENTERPRISES.
MY PROMISE TO NOT TRANSPORT DRUGS IS BACK IN EFFECT.
BE SURE TO CHEER UP BEFORE WE MEET NEXT TIME.
BEAN OUT.
BEEP
GOOD!
PAK


I'M SENDING THE AMBULANCE! ARE WE GOOD?
CHICAGO POLICE
WAIT! AREN'T DETECTIVE BACHARACH AND HIS PARNTER INJURED?!
THEY JUST HAVE SOME SCRATCHES AND BRUISES!
GOD DAMMIT!
YOU KNOW THE CHOPPER HAD NO BUSINESS BEING THERE!
RIGHT, DICK?!
YES...
I COULD'VE GOTTEN HIM WITH MY SABOT SLUGS!
BUT THAT CHOPPER JUST HAD TO GET IN THE WAY.
DETECTIVE, CAN WE JUST GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
I CAN'T HEAR OUT OF ONE EAR.


I'M SORRY, DICK.
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE.
DETECTIVE BACHARACH! THE LAST AMBULANCE IS LEAVING! ARE YOU OK?!
HOLD IT! WE'RE GETTING ON!
ONLY AL BAILEY DIED?
YES.
OUR INFORMANT PERKINS JUST DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT, SO WE GOT THIS INFO FROM THE POLICE RADIO.
IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS SHOT BY THAT DETECTIVE PERCY.
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY HE TOOK CARE OF KILLING THAT FOOL FOR US.
ONCE BOB WAS DEAD, I WAS READY TO CUT BAILEY ENTERPRISES LOOSE ANYWAYS.


THE TIMING OF PERKINS'S DEATH IS SUSPICIOUS.
IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE DOING OF THE WOMAN WHO WAS DRIVING AT THE TIME.
IT WASN'T A DANGEROUS INTERSECTION WHERE SHE HIT THE TRUCK, AND ONLY THE PASSENGER SIDE WAS DEMOLISHED.
KILL HER! AND DISSOLVE THE ORGANIZATION.
YES, MA'AM.
RIGHT AWAY.
HMM.
FLAP
I GUESS BEAN IS MORE USEFUL THAN I THOUGHT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE UNDERSTANDS HOW THINGS WORK.
HE'S STRONG AND CAN'T BE FOOLED.
THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE PROPER WAY TO USE HIM END UP DESTROYING THEMSELVES.
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE ONLY ORGANIZATIONS WIPED OUT AFTER CAUSING TROUBLE WITH BEAN HAVE BEEN THE DREGS OF THE UNDERWORLD.
BAILEY ENTERPRISES WAS ONE OF THEM.
IF BOB AND AL WEREN'T ALREADY DEAD, I'D PROBABLY KILL THEM.


HE HELPS KEEP ORDER, AND THAT'S GOOD FOR ME.
HIS RULES ARE SIMPLE, BUT THEY'RE VERY CLOSE TO MY OWN.
ROADBUSTER IS A BIRD OF PREY. IF THE WEAK ARE TOO FOOLISH TO GET CLOSE, THEY GET EATEN.
THE CHICAGO UNDERWORLD IS LUCKY TO HAVE HIM.
PLUS...
...RALLY VINCENT ALSO HAS A GOOD HEAD ON HER SHOULDERS.
HER ACTIONS ARE SIMPLE AND EASY TO READ.
I ALSO HEAR THAT SHE KEEPS HER WORD AND IS A BOUNTY HUNTER WHO'S EASY TO DEAL WITH.
THOSE CLOSE TO HER ARE GOOD AS WELL. THERE'S ROY COLEMAN, WHO'S AN EXCELLENT COP, AND BECKY FARRAH. HER MAIN MOTIVATION IS MONEY, BUT SHE'S HONORABLE.
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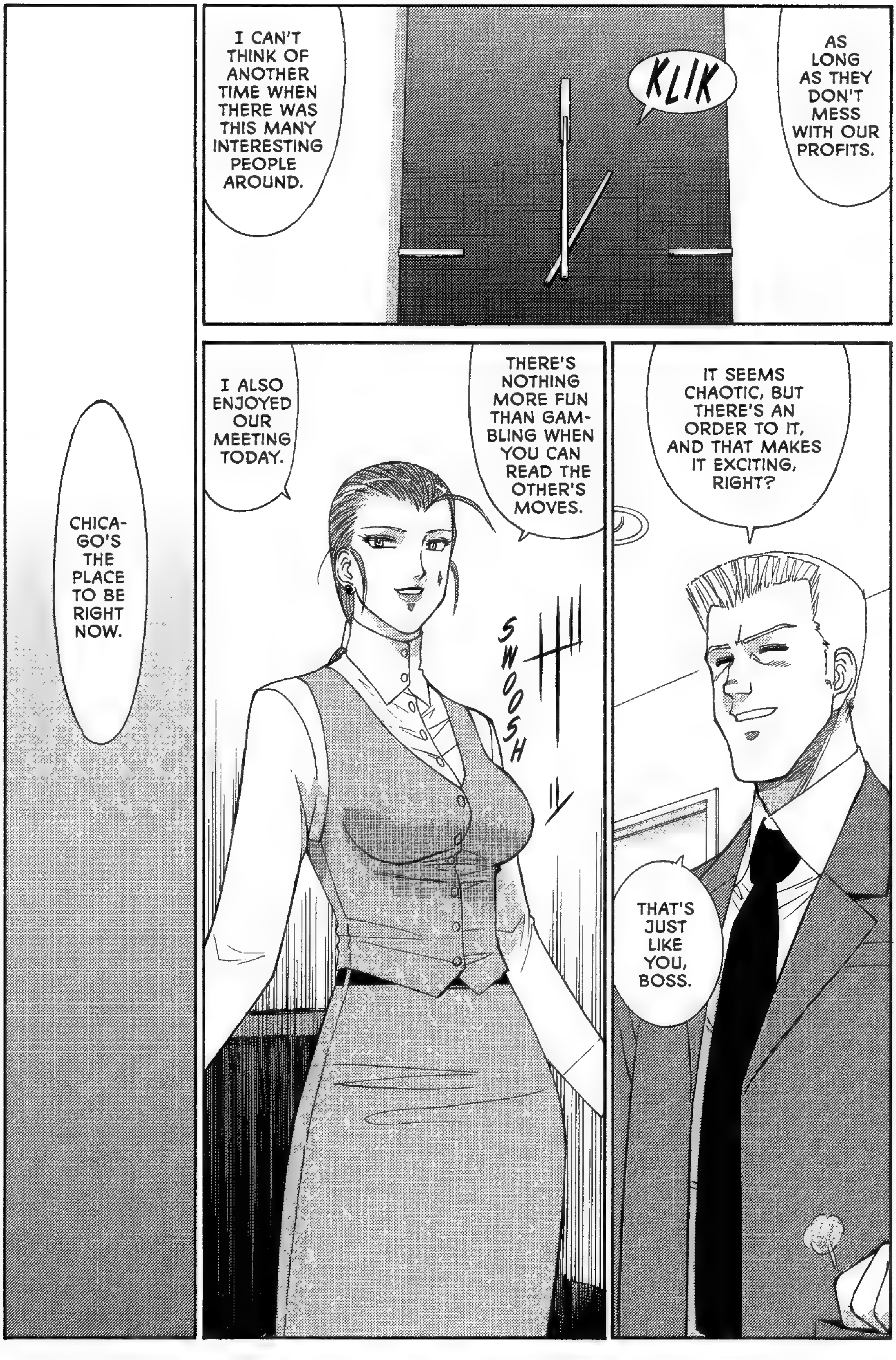
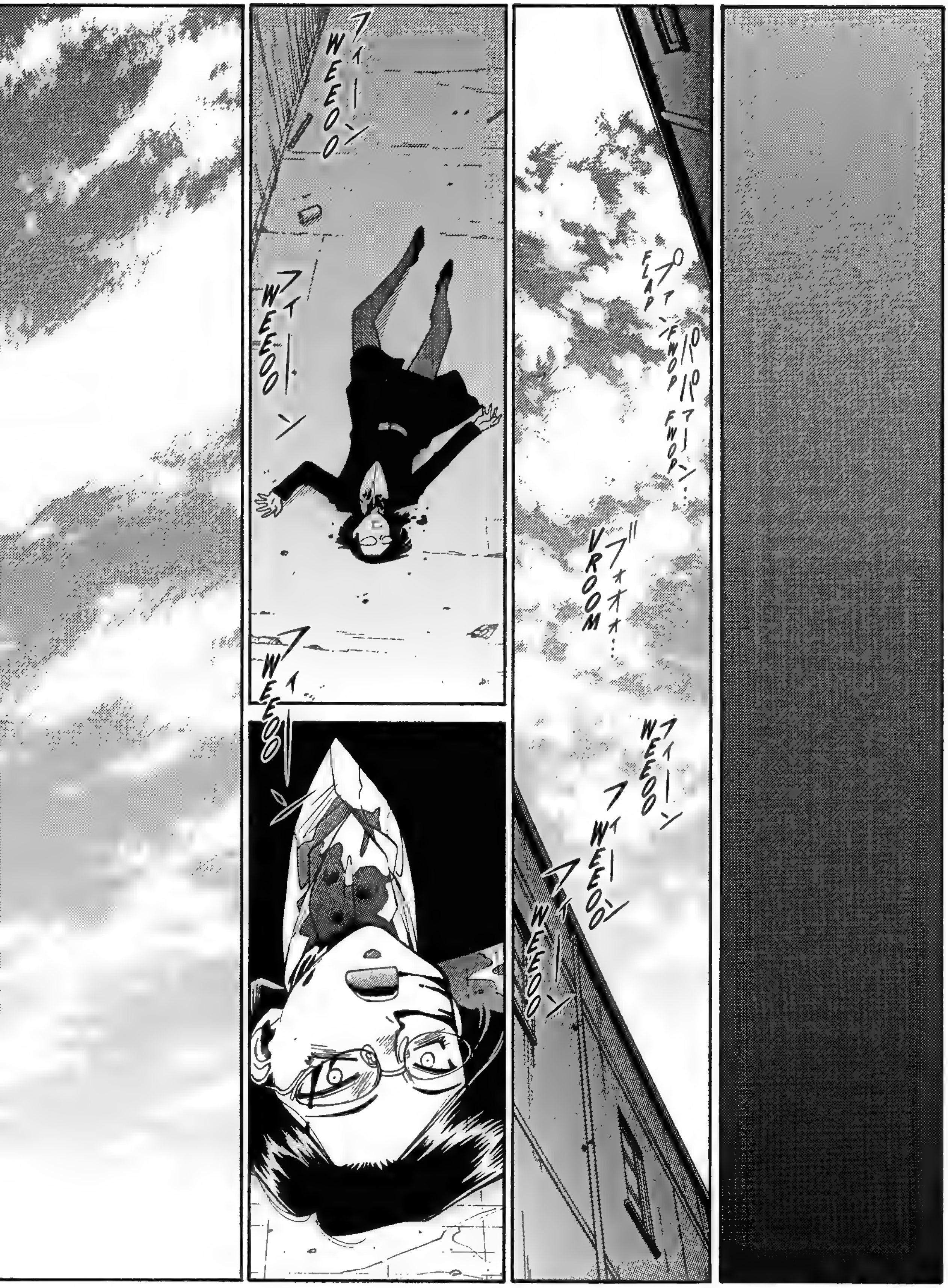
I LIKE THIS GROUP A LOT.


AS LONG AS THEY DON'T MESS WITH OUR PROFITS.
KLIK
I CAN'T THINK OF ANOTHER TIME WHEN THERE WAS THIS MANY INTERESTING PEOPLE AROUND.
IT SEEMS CHAOTIC, BUT THERE'S AN ORDER TO IT, AND THAT MAKES IT EXCITING, RIGHT?
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, BOSS.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE FUN THAN GAMBLING WHEN YOU CAN READ THE OTHER'S MOVES.
I ALSO ENJOYED OUR MEETING TODAY.
SWOOSH
CHICAGO'S THE PLACE TO BE RIGHT NOW.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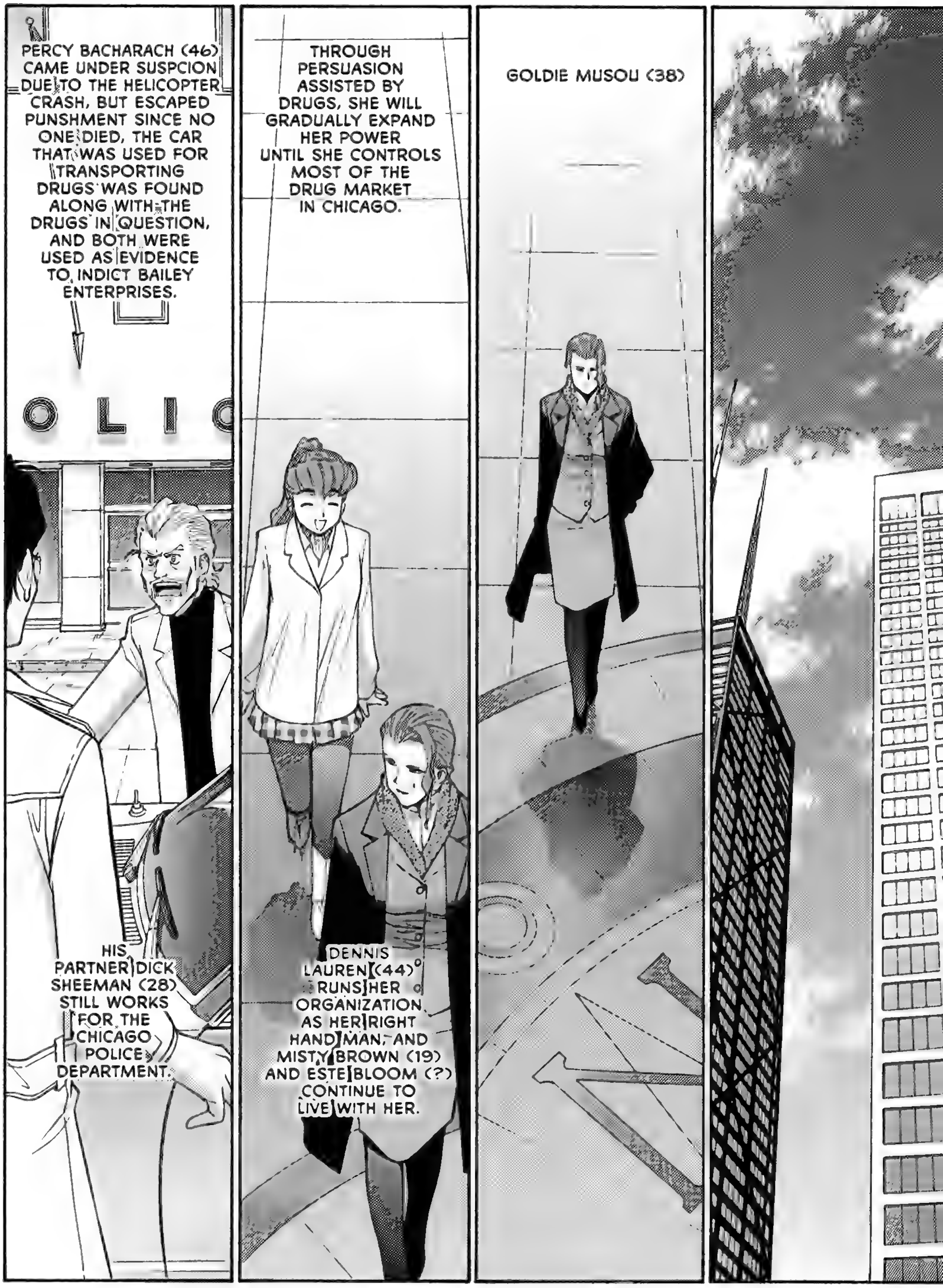
GOLDIE MUSOU (38)
THROUGH PERSUASION ASSISTED BY DRUGS, SHE WILL GRADUALLY EXPAND HER POWER UNTIL SHE CONTROLS MOST OF THE DRUG MARKET IN CHICAGO.
DENNIS LAUREN (44) RUNS HER ORGANIZATION AS HER RIGHT HAND MAN, AND MISTY BROWN (19) AND ESTE BLOOM (?) CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH HER.
PERCY BACHARACH (46) CAME UNDER SUSPCION DUE TO THE HELICOPTER CRASH, BUT ESCAPED PUNSHMENT SINCE NO ONE DIED, THE CAR THAT WAS USED FOR TRANSPORTING DRUGS WAS FOUND ALONG WITH THE DRUGS IN QUESTION, AND BOTH WERE USED AS EVIDENCE TO INDICT BAILEY ENTERPRISES.
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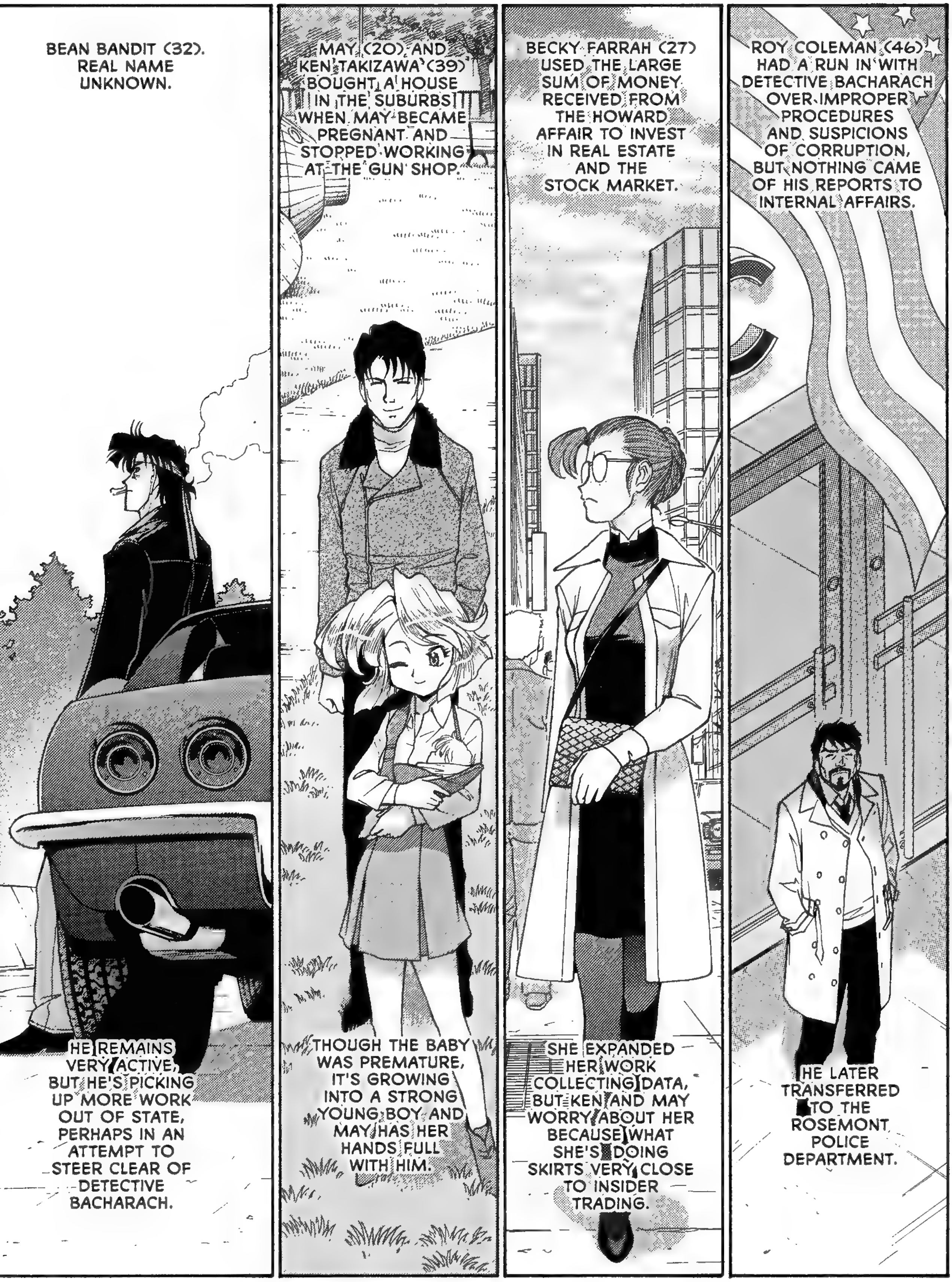
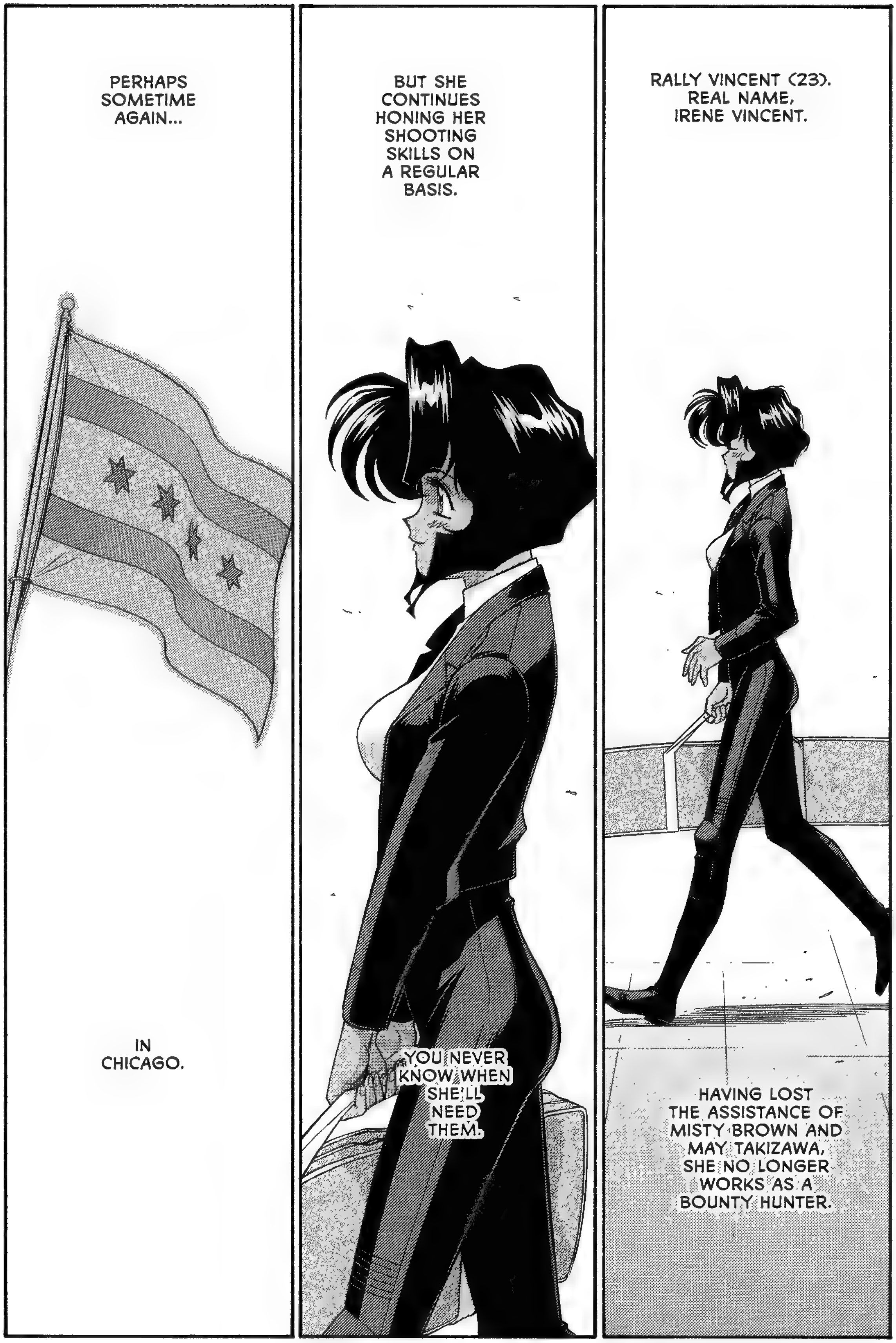
HIS PARTNER DICK SHEEMAN (28) STILL WORKS FOR THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT.


ROY COLEMAN (46) HAD A RUN IN WITH DETECTIVE BACHARACH OVER IMPROPER PROCEDURES AND SUSPICIONS OF CORRUPTION, BUT NOTHING CAME OF HIS REPORTS TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
HE LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE ROSEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT.
BECKY FARRAH (27) USED THE LARGE SUM OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE HOWARD AFFAIR TO INVEST IN REAL ESTATE AND THE STOCK MARKET.
SHE EXPANDED HER WORK COLLECTING DATA, BUT KEN AND MAY WORRY ABOUT HER BECAUSE WHAT SHE'S DOING SKIRTS VERY CLOSE TO INSIDER TRADING.
MAY (20) AND KEN TAKIZAWA (39) BOUGHT A HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS WHEN MAY BECAME PREGNANT AND STOPPED WORKING AT THE GUN SHOP.
THOUGH THE BABY WAS PREMATURE, IT'S GROWING INTO A STRONG YOUNG BOY AND MAY HAS HER HANDS FULL WITH HIM.
BEAN BANDIT (32). REAL NAME UNKNOWN.
HE REMAINS VERY ACTIVE, BUT HE'S PICKING UP MORE WORK OUT OF STATE, PERHAPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO STEER CLEAR OF DETECTIVE BACHARACH.


RALLY VINCENT (23). REAL NAME, IRENE VINCENT.
HAVING LOST THE ASSISTANCE OF MISTY BROWN AND MAY TAKIZAWA, SHE NO LONGER WORKS AS A BOUNTY HUNTER.
BUT SHE CONTINUES HONING HER SHOOTING SKILLS ON A REGULAR BASIS.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN SHE'LL NEED THEM.
PERHAPS SOMETIME AGAIN...
IN CHICAGO.

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BULLET TRIVIA—THIRTEENTH SHOT—SABOT SLUGS

I bet there's more than a few of you who were somewhat perplexed by the depiction of the shotgun shell fired by Percy's partner Dick.

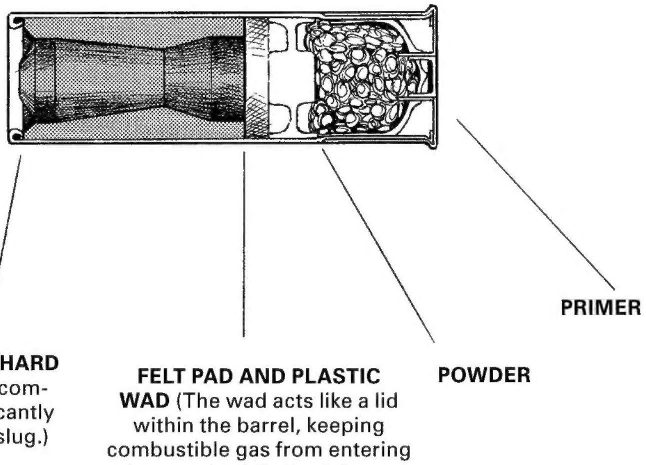
Single-body ammo fired from a shotgun is called a slug (see trivia #7 in volume 3), and though each shot carries a lot of power, the sabot slug fired by Dick is even more powerful and has greater piercing ability.

In order to make a bullet travel faster without increasing the amount of gunpowder (in order to protect the gun and shooter), you have to make the round lighter and thinner, but then it wouldn't fit the caliber size of the barrel. This is remedied by placing a plastic cover around it. This cover is a "sabot" (Dutch for wooden clog).

It makes the round lighter and allows it to fly through the barrel at a higher speed. When the round exits the barrel, air resistance makes the sabot fall away while the round inside keeps flying at an accelerated speed. Since shotguns don't have rifling in their barrel, it doesn't rotate (slugs without sabots have rifling carved into them to make them turn), but it flies straight because the center of gravity is in the head of the slug. Of course, it's not very accurate, but . . .

Slugs made with hard metals can easily pass through the door of an armored car.

Profile of a Sabot Slug


PRIMER
PLASTIC SABOT AND HARD METAL ROUND (The combined weight is significantly lighter than a normal slug.)
FELT PAD AND PLASTIC WAD (The wad acts like a lid within the barrel, keeping combustible gas from entering the round, while the felt acts as a cushion.)
POWDER

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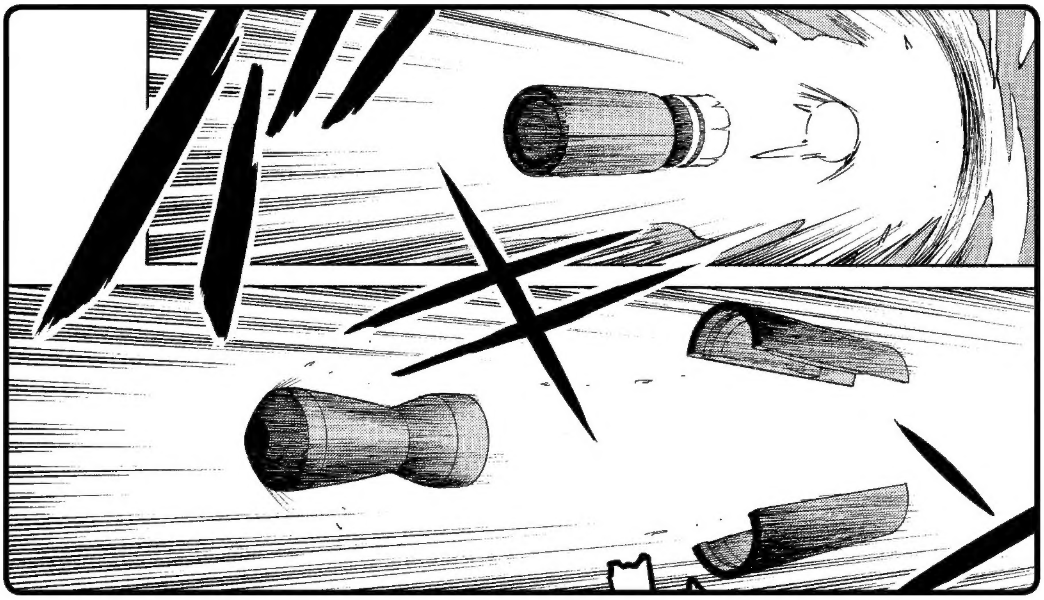
Since sabot slugs are designed to give the ability to shoot a harder, thinner, and lighter round out of the same gun to improve piercing ability, they're also made for pistols, rifles, and tanks in addition to shotguns.

Though the sabots might lose some of their power while flying through the air, they still have excellent piercing ability, and thus they are often used by tanks.

Or, put another way, most modern tanks do not have rifling in their barrels, and it makes sense for them to use sabots because of their armor-piercing ability. They usually use winged ones called fléchettes, which provide much better accuracy and a straighter trajectory than the ones used in shotguns.

Rifle sabots don't have fléchettes because of the rotation provided by the rifling in the barrel.

Currently, Remington sells sabots for rifles under the name of "accelerator," but with the advent of the .223 caliber high-speed bullets, they've lost popularity because they're not as accurate and much more expensive.



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